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Oil production ceiling 15.06 million BPD

OPEC extends current pact to end of year

VIENNA, June 14, (Agencies): The OPEC today extended its current production agreement until the end of the year to try to stabilise flagging world oil prices.

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer told reporters that ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries had signed a pact maintaining its present output ceiling after four days of turbulent talks.

Under current rules, 12 of OPEC's 13 members are set an output ceiling totalling 15.06 million barrels daily.

Equal

Iraq has refused to sign the accord because the group refuses to give it a quota equal to that of its enemy Iran.

The ministers, winding up their mid-year meeting at OPEC headquarters, also agreed to reaffirm their commitment to a \$18 a barrel price ceiling and

named former Indonesian Oil Minister Dr Subroto as OPEC's new secretary-general.

"We have reached final agreement to roll over the formal ceiling for the second half of this year," Venezuelan Oil Minister Arturo Hernandez Grisanti said.

Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh said OPEC has reaffirmed its commitment to maintain an official goal of \$18 a barrel, despite speculation in recent months that the organisation had unofficially abandoned the goal as unrealistic. Prices in recent weeks have hovered around \$16 a barrel.

"Eighteen dollars is in the resolution, and a roll-over for six months," Aghazadeh said.

Oil prices rallied on the OPEC accord after plummeting by as much as \$5 cents a barrel yesterday.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, West Texas intermediate — the key US crude for immediate delivery — opened up 15 cents at \$16.58 a barrel.

Grisanti confirmed that Dr Subroto, who was replaced as Indonesia's Oil Minister in March in a government reshuffle and is highly respected within the OPEC would fill the vacant post of secretary-general.

Nazer said Saudi Arabia and the other Arab states of the Gulf, who had been pushing for a production increase, consented to retain or even lower production to maintain prices.

Increase

"We would have liked to see an increase in production, especially in the fourth quarter, in view of the fact there is robust demand," Nazer said. "For the sake of consensus we agreed to roll over."

The ministers apparently made little or no progress on the difficult issue of a definition of crude oil. Venezuela and some other states have been accused of labelling as "condensates" extremely light crude oil because it is exempt from the quota.

Iranian gunboats raid a tanker

MANAMA, June 14, (Agencies): Iranian gunboats attacked a Singapore-flagged tanker in the northern Gulf early today, in their third strike against a merchant mariner in four days, shipping sources said.

Shipping insurer Lloyd's of London said the 51,894-ton Neptune Subaru came under Iranian attack at 03:00 GMT near Farsi island in the northern Gulf, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

Gulf-based shipping sources said the Iranian gunboats attacked the Neptune Subaru under the cover of darkness to prevent reaction from US warships patrolling the area with orders to defend neutral mariners in distress.

Protested

On Saturday, two marauding Iranian gunboats slammed rocket-propelled grenades into a British-flagged but US-owned supertanker off the Saudi Arabian coast, igniting a fire but causing no injuries.

Britain protested the raid on the 258,979-ton fully laden supertanker Esso Demetia to Iran, pointing out the attack was unprovoked.

Earlier Saturday, three Iranian gunboats stalked West German container ship Dhuhaigiri in the Strait of Hormuz, killing a Filipino seaman and injuring two others with rocket-propelled grenade attacks.

Today's raid brought to seven the number of confirmed Iranian raids, or attempted, on merchant ships steaming through the strategic waterway in the last three weeks.

Recaptured

In the land war, Iraq said it launched a major offensive in the rugged mountains near the northeastern town of Sulaymaniyah today and recaptured five strategic border heights from Iranian troops.

"Our forces stormed fortified enemy positions and killed or captured large numbers of enemy troops and destroyed their positions," a high command communiqué said.

The communiqué listed heights of the five recaptured peaks ranging from 2,000 to 2,500 metres (6,500 to 8,200 feet) with their Kurdish names and said they diminished the battlefront in the vicinity.

It quoted Iran's top war spokesman, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, now the acting Armed Forces commander, as saying when the Iranians seized them in March: "Whoever controls these peaks will have the final word on the fate of the area."

Information Minister Latif Nassiri Al-Jassam, quoted by the Iraqi News Agency INA, said the peaks would provide Iraq with an important strategic advantage.

Missions

Baghdad's daily war communiqué made no mention of fighting in the Salamchah area of southern Iraq where Iraq said it repelled a major Iranian offensive yesterday. The Iranians said battles were still raging there today.

The communiqué on the past 24 hours of the war said Iraqi jets and helicopter gunships flew 272 combat missions today.

Iraq's Defence Ministry political department chief Abdul Jabbar Mohsen said that more than 5,000 Iraqis had been killed, wounded or taken prisoner in the fighting.

Kuwait renew appeal for peace

KUWAIT, praising the performance of the Iraqi Armed Forces, renewed appeals to Iran yesterday to accept a peaceful end to the Gulf war.

"We are proud of Iraq's steadfastness and firmness which uplifted all Arabs by repulsing the latest Iranian offensive," Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad told reporters.

Urging Tehran to make peace with Baghdad after almost eight years of war, he said the Iraqis should follow the course of "wisdom and reason."



A Palestinian youth throws back a teargas canister at Israeli soldiers during a demonstration in Ramallah. (Reuters wirephoto)

Attempt to curb violence

Israel resorts to financial pressure

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 14, (Agencies): A military official said Israel plans to resort to financial pressure to curb violence in the occupied territories by requiring parents of stone-throwing youths to make cash deposits of about \$3,100.

The official said parents in the Gaza Strip would be required to hand over 5,000 shekels (about \$3,100) to obtain the release of their children from custody when they are caught throwing stones.

If the children are arrested again for throwing stones, the money would be kept as a fine against the parents, the military source said.

"It (a fine) is extremely effective — that's a fact," the military source said. "It has to be seen in the context of a whole series of actions we have taken to reduce violence."

Denied

In other developments, a hospital official said troops yesterday killed a West Bank man who didn't heed their call to stop.

Israel last night deported Arab-American activist Mubarak Awad. He arrived in New York's John F. Kennedy airport today.

In New York Awad today denied Israeli charges of inciting violence and said he would continue to promote non-violent Palestinian pressure for a homeland.

Awad said in US television interviews hours after arriving in New York following his expulsion from Israel that Palestinian resistance must continue in order to force the creation of a Palestinian state in territory held by Israel.

"I didn't incite any violence at all," Awad said. "I believe in non-violence."

"I believe that Palestinians who are oppressed have to fight injustice through non-violent means."

Jordan today denounced Israel's expulsion of Awad. "Israel's deportation of this Palestinian uncovers the occupation authorities' imperialistic mask," Occupied Territories Minister Marwan Daud said.

The Foreign Press Association (FPA) in Israel protested today at Army and police harassment of journalists covering the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We know of 100 to 150 incidents involving foreign newsmen in the West Bank and Gaza Strip between December and the end of March alone... We've spent six months protesting at every level," FPA chairman Robert Slater told reporters.

Meanwhile Israel's 60,000 unionized civil servants went on an indefinite strike today, disrupting work at courts and hospitals and bringing Israel's railway to a halt.

Oldest woman

PARIS, June 14, (KUNA): The oldest living woman in the world is French and is 113 years and 113 days old and was very pleased to enter the Guinness Book of Records yesterday.

Jeanne Calment is from Arles, in the south of France, and has been living in one of the city's hospitals for the last four years.

Mercury registers 50°C as heat-wave hits Kuwait

By Fathima Ahmed

KUWAIT has been hit by the worst heat-wave, experienced in June, in 22 years. On Monday, June 13, temperatures rose to 50°C (122 Fahrenheit) in the shade. The last time Kuwait braved such severe heat was on June 13, 1966, when the mercury registered 49.8°C.

The temperature at the Kuwait Airport on Monday was 49.7°C, in Wafra and at Abdali 51.5°C (124°F). Yesterday the highest temperature recorded was 49°C (120°F).

"This is an absolute record high for this time of the year," said forecaster Abdul Hafeez Al Babil of Kuwait's Meteorological Department.

Rising

Cars stalled, air-conditioners broke down and people's tempers rose higher and higher as the heat-wave hit them. Normal working people could be seen fighting it out on the Ghazali Street. None could explain the rising tempers until the weathermen explained the cause.

Last year on June 13 the recorded temperature was 42°C, eight degrees lower than this year's temperature. "This year, Monday's temperature was five degrees higher than the average recorded in June over the years since 1966," said Al Babil.

Normally, such heat-waves occur in mid-July. In 1983, July 13 was said to be the hottest day in Kuwait with temperatures soaring above 50°C in the shade. It was said to be the "hottest day for years" by weathermen.

This Monday's hot and humid weather was caused by a "surface thermal trough of low pressure situated to the west, deepening it (the heat)," explained Al Babil.

The trough, elongated region

of low pressure, resulted in a tremendous wave of hot and dry winds which blew from the Arabian desert. "The trough continued (was stable) until midday on Monday," said Al Babil. Later in the day, the trough passed toward the east of Kuwait, veering the wind to fresh and moderate north-westerly, raising slight dust.

Burden

The soaring heat placed a heavy burden on electricity and water consumption. The maximum load recorded by the Ministry of Electricity and Water was 3,850 KW, up by 2.30 per cent on the same in June last year. Fresh water consumption was up by 6.9 per cent, totalling 123.6 million imperial gallons. Brackish water consumption rose by 19 per cent, amounting to 90.9 million imperial gallons.

Consumption

Yesterday's consumption of electricity was 3,900 KW. The consumption on June 14 last year was 3,210.

The total consumption of water yesterday was 123.6 million imperial gallons, while on the same day last year it was 115.8 million imperial gallons.

Several cars just went bust in the heat, prompting traffic police to offer help to motorists whose cars broke down and blocked traffic.

However, the worst seems to be over — that is until the next heat wave attacks in July. Al Babil expects northerly winds to prevail today and tomorrow. He expects a "continuous decline in temperature with some dust (taz) at times."

After Friday, temperatures could go up but Al Babil did not want to forecast the doom and gloom of another hot summer's day.

Girl awarded KD315,000 compensation

FOR the first time in Kuwait, the Court of First Instance has ordered an insurance company to pay KD 315,000 to a girl who was injured in a road accident.

The court also ordered the company which insured the car causing the accident to pay KD 300 monthly for the rest of the girl's life.

The prosecution claimed that the girl had suffered severe physical and psychological problems since the accident, which left her right leg paralysed.

Tragically, the corrective surgery she underwent caused further deformation to her right hand, shoulder and lower parts and rendered her incontinent. Consequently, she will be dependent on others for the rest of her life.

The girl's father asked for compensation for the large amounts of money spent to treat his daughter outside Kuwait and was duly granted KD 25,000. Her mother will receive KD 15,000 as compensation for the psychological trauma she has suffered since her daughter's accident.



Mannan

Ershad sacks Mannan

DHAKA, June 14, (Reuters): Bangladesh President Hussain Muhammad Ershad dismissed his Religious Affairs Minister Moulana Abdul Mannan today.

A terse announcement circulated by the official BSS news agency said Ershad had relieved Mannan of his responsibilities with immediate effect. It gave no other details.

Mannan, 65, has been a minister for religion since he joined Ershad's cabinet in 1985. He also briefly held the relief and rehabilitation portfolio last year. His dismissal surprised Western diplomats who considered him Ershad's trusted lieutenant.

Bus collision

ISLAMABAD, June 14, (Reuters): Fourteen people were killed in a head-on collision between two buses today in Pakistan's Punjab province, the official APP news agency reported.

Gorbachev warns of retaliation

Afghan and Pakistani troops exchange fire

ISLAMABAD, June 14, (Agencies): Afghan and Pakistani troops exchanged rocket and artillery fire today near a strategic border town, killing at least three Pakistani civilians and wounding 10, Pakistani officials said.

The shelling came hours after Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev threatened to retaliate against alleged violations of accords under which Pakistan agreed to stop aiding Muslim rebels in the Afghan war.

Soviet-backed Afghan forces fired about 20 artillery shells or rockets last night on a village near the Pakistan town of Chaman, 96 km (60 miles) northwest of Quetta city, official sources in Quetta said.

Rockets

The Afghan troops recommenced attacks today firing five rockets which caused the casualties. They fired artillery shells about two hours later but there were no injuries in that attack, the sources said.

Pakistani Border Security Forces retaliated with artillery and tank fire, the sources said.

Pakistan Foreign Ministry sources said Islamabad had lodged a strong protest to Kabul denouncing the incident it claimed was started by Afghan forces.

Gorbachev said yesterday it would be "necessary to undertake the most resolute retaliatory

steps" if the United Nations failed to take effective measures to stop Pakistan from aiding the rebels.

The sources in Quetta could not immediately say if the latest artillery duel was linked to Gorbachev's threat, but they added that Afghan forces had appeared to be trying to flush out guerrilla strongholds along the border.

They said the firing was concentrated near the Afghan border town of Spin Buldak where fierce fighting has been raging between Afghan and guerrilla forces for the last two weeks.

Evacuating

One diplomat said the Indian embassy had begun evacuating personnel from Kabul, in apparent contradiction of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's assertion that the Soviet-backed government had a good chance of survival.

Meanwhile, UN Undersecretary-General Diego Cordovez, who negotiated the pullout said yesterday Soviet troops are withdrawing from Afghanistan "faster than we all expected."

He, however, refused to disclose how many Soviet troops had withdrawn since the Geneva accord took effect May 15, or discuss how many troops had been in that country on that date, estimated at over 100,000 by the Soviets and up to 115,000 by Western intelligence agencies.

Howard Baker to resign

WASHINGTON, June 14, (Reuters): White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker is resigning effective July 1 for personal reasons and will be replaced by his deputy Kenneth Duberstein, President Reagan's spokesman said today.

Spokesman Martin Fitzwater told reporters Reagan had accepted Baker's resignation as White House Chief of Staff "with deep regret" and had selected Duberstein, who has been Baker's deputy since March 1987, to lead



the White House staff during the final seven months of his presidency.

Fitzwater said the primary reason for Baker's departure was the illness of his wife Joy.

Benazir may meet Junejo

KARACHI, June 14, (Reuters): Recently-dismissed Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo and a leading opposition leader, Benazir Bhutto, are likely to meet in a few days to discuss elections, sources said today.

They said Benazir was ready to meet Junejo, who was fired by President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq on May 29. Zia also dissolved assemblies and announced fresh elections within 90 days.

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WEATHER

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State of sea: moderate to rough

High water: 1.30 am 11.00 am

Low water: 6.00 am 7.30 pm

Sunrise: 4.48 am

Sunset: 6.49 pm

Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 49°C (120°F)

Ahmedi: 43°C (109°F)

Falaka: 45°C (113°F)

Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 27°C (81°F)

Ahmedi: 34°C (93°F)

Falaka: 33°C (91°F)

Maximum temperature expected: Kuwait: 46°C (115°F)

Ahmedi: 41°C (106°F)

Falaka: 45°C (109°F)

Minimum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 27 per cent

Ahmedi: 37 per cent

Falaka: 43 per cent

Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 25 per cent

Ahmedi: 35 per cent

Falaka: 40 per cent

DAY BY DAY

WITH an improvement on the national monetary scene, local commercial banks have a lot of liquidity and claim they desire to invest in productive ventures.

However, the banks accept proposals of some investors and reject others. On querying as to the reasons for the rejection, bank officials claim the Central Bank applies strenuous conditions.

The banking sector is expected to take a more active attitude towards lending to the private sector for industrial development and the restoration of creditworthiness and we call on the Central Bank to permit investors to obtain a direct clarification from its officials in order to determine if the obstacles to lending are directives from the Central Bank or emanate from commercial banks.

Zahed Matar

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INTERNATIONAL

Rocard asked to stay as caretaker

French premier resigns

PARIS, June 14, (UPI): Prime Minister Michel Rocard offered his resignation to President Francois Mitterrand today, two days after voters refused to give their Socialist Party an absolute majority in parliament.

Mitterrand accepted the resignations of Rocard's government, spokesmen for the President said, but asked the premier to stay in a caretaker role until the re-elected national assembly meets for the first time June 23.

The two socialists met at the Presidential Palace for 1-1/2 hours in the morning. Rocard made no comment to the press.

President Mitterrand said today he would ask Socialist Prime Minister Rocard to head a minority government.

Mitterrand, in a televised statement to the nation, assured the country following inconclusive general elections on Sunday which left the Socialists 13 seats short of a parliamentary

majority that "France is and will be governed."

Mitterrand, 71, who won reelection as President last month with an overwhelming 54 percent of the vote, remained silent following the vote. He projected outward calm, taking his habitual stroll in Paris with a confidant, officials said.

One of several options for creating a new government was an alliance of the Communist Party, with 27 seats, and the Socialists, which would provide a majority. But both parties discounted the chance of an agreement.

Group

Other options for Mitterrand were to negotiate a deal with moderate centrists or to seek to govern with a minority Socialist government.

A key adviser to the President, Education Minister Lionel Jospin, said a minority Socialist government could function and

that a parliamentary majority "can only be formed around the Socialist Party."

Pierre Mhaugnerie, leader of the centrists, said his group was expected to reach a decision today on forming an independent parliamentary group — a move that would improve Mitterrand's chances of bringing the centrists into a coalition.

Mhaugnerie did not exclude the possibility of joining the Socialist, saying, "only the President... can orient himself in that direction."

Another leading centrist, Bernard Stasi, also left the door open for possible negotiations with Mitterrand.

"It seems to me desirable that a government of wide unity be formed and if this happens, the center must be the pivot," Stasi said.

"The problem is not whether, I will be a minister or not, but to know what role the centre will play and to know what kind of majority will emerge from this

somewhat strange national assembly," he said.

The centrists are allied to leading conservatives Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, a former President, and former Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, who may refuse a deal or insist on major concessions from Mitterrand.

If Mitterrand's stated objective of "an opening to the centre" fails, a minority Socialist government would face difficulties getting its legislation approved.

But a minority socialist government could negotiate with the conservatives, centrists and communists on a case-by-case basis.

Sources close to Rocard said that such a government could perhaps count on the centrists for support on a budget, which the communists might reject, but win communist support for other bills the centre might oppose.

Under France's constitution, the government can be brought down only if there is majority approval of a censure motion.



A Greek riot policeman, protected by his shield, tries to push a Greek Cypriot demonstrator during a march against the visit of Ozal. (Reuters wirephoto)

\$400,000 awarded in smoking suit

NEWARK, N.J., June 14, (Reuters): In the first award of its kind against the tobacco industry, the husband of a woman who died of lung cancer was awarded \$400,000 on Monday by a jury which found that the Liggett Group Inc., a cigarette maker, failed to issue warnings about the risks of smoking.

However, the jury cleared Liggett, Philip Morris Cos and Lorillard Inc of charges of issuing fraudulent information about cigarette smoking and conspiring to mislead the public that smoking was safe.

The four-month-old case — the biggest and most costly so far against the tobacco industry — was brought by Antonio Cipollone, whose wife Rose died of lung cancer in 1984 at the age of 58. Liggett said it would appeal.

Attorneys for Antonio Cipollone family said they thought the decision would encourage others to bring similar suits.

"This will show the dam can be broken," said Alan Darnell, one of the lawyers.

While the misrepresentation and conspiracy charges were lodged against all three companies, only Liggett was charged with failure to warn because Mrs. Cipollone said smoking Liggett's LM and Chesterfield brands before a federally mandated cigarette package warning was introduced in 1966.

Ozal, Papandreou far apart on key issues

VOULIAGMENI, Greece, June 14 (AP): Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz said today the premiers of Greece and Turkey had taken a step forward in their five-month-old dialogue, although they remained far apart on the Cyprus problem.

Yilmaz said that for the first time since their original meeting in Davos, Switzerland, in January premiers Turgut Ozal of Turkey and Andreas Papandreou of Greece had discussed "all the disputes" dividing the two NATO allies.

Ozal has the impression from the talks that the bilateral disputes can be solved — given time, the Turkish foreign minister told reporters at a briefing in a tightly guarded luxury hotel outside Athens where Ozal is staying.

He said that in Monday's

talks, Papandreou had stuck to his call for at least a partial withdrawal of Turkish troops from Cyprus before negotiations for a settlement could start.

Package

Ozal told the Greek premier that Cyprus must be handled as a package in talks that would tackle constitutional and security issues, as well as the troop pull-out and guarantees for the island's Turkish Cypriot community, Yilmaz said.

But he warned that no developments should be expected before a visit to the Turkish capital of Ankara by Papandreou in October.

Ozal drove into central Athens this morning under heavy guard to lay a wreath at the monument of the unknown warrior outside parliament.

US Romeo executed

ANGOLA, Louisiana, June 14, (AP): A man who romanced a gas station cashier, robbed her and fatally bludgeoned her died early today in Louisiana's electric chair.

It was the 100th execution since capital punishment was reinstituted in the United States nearly 10 years ago.

Lawyers for Edward Byrne Jr., 28, said all their efforts Monday when the state pardon board refused to recommend a commutation of the death sentence and then the US Supreme Court refused to delay the execution.

Other state and federal courts also refused earlier Monday to

stop the third execution in Louisiana this year and the state's 18th since the 1976 US Supreme Court ruling allowing states to resume use of the death penalty.

Byrne was executed at the Louisiana state penitentiary for his admitted August 1984 hammer slaying of Roberta Johnson, who was 25 at the time.

Byrne was calm as he sat his final meal last night and refused to say much of the day along with his lawyers, warden Hilton Butler said. No relatives visited Byrne and he asked for no chaplain, Butler added.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gunners kill 4

BEIRUT, June 14 (AP): A Norwegian unit of the UN peacekeeping force was locked in a "tense confrontation" with Israeli troops in South Lebanon today, UN sources said.

Police also reported four Lebanese villagers were killed and four others wounded when Israeli gunners shelled Shiite Muslim hideouts in South Lebanon's Tibnin valley before dawn.

UN sources said Norwegian and Israeli troops faced each other with fingers on gun triggers through the night as flares illuminated the skies over the foothills of Mount Hermon.

Picture of a glass

LOS ANGELES, June 14, (Reuters): Some 200,000 restaurants and cafes in southern California, in the second year of a dry spell, will replace the customary glass of water given to customers with a picture of a water glass.

The cards will give customers details of the water shortage and add: "If you would like a glass of water, just ask."

Claims filed

NEW DELHI, June 14, (AP): About 4,600 people have filed claims seeking 50 million rupees (\$3.8 million) for injuries and damage suffered in a 1985 industrial gas leak in New Delhi, the United News of India news agency reported today.

The case is being watched closely because of the implications for the \$3-billion damage suit filed by the Indian government against Union Carbide Corp. for the 1984 lethal gas leak at Bhopal in central India.

155.45-carat gem

MOSCOW, June 14, (KUNA): A diamond as big as a plum has been found in the Siberian region of Yakutia, a Soviet newspaper reported today.

The Selskaya Zhizn (rural life) daily quoted experts as saying that the 155.45-carat light-yellow gem will make a fine brilliant.

Helicopter crash

BAD TOELZ, West Germany, June 14, (UPI): A US Army helicopter crashed today in the Starnberger lake in Bavaria, an Army spokesman reported.

An Army spokesman said the helicopter belonged to the 8th Infantry division at Bad Kreuznach, about 40 miles southwest of Frankfurt.

Sirisena shot dead

COLOMBO, June 14, (Reuters): Suspected Marxist gunmen have shot dead a newly elected provincial council member, Sri Lankan police said today.

D.G. Sirisena, 60, was gunned down yesterday as he returned to his home in the north-central city of Polonnaruwa.

Explosion

LONDON, June 14, (UPI): An explosion ripped through a dynamite plant in North Wales today, leaving two employees missing and eight injured in a blast that was heard up to 20 miles (32 km) away, authorities said.

Police said that others among the 90-member workforce were being treated for shock.

Warships

SUEZ, June 14, (AP): Four US warships returning from duty in the Gulf area, including three that saw combat against Iranian vessels, transited the Suez canal today en route to the Mediterranean Sea.

Curb nuclear development: Shultz

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years. He estimated that Pakistan might have between three and 15 nuclear weapons by the end of 1990 and India could have between 35 and 115 such devices. He addressed the session on disarmament a week after Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze called on the United States to join in a permanent nuclear test ban. Shultz did not respond to a series of Soviet proposals.

Shultz outlined American achievements in arms control with the Soviet Union and with Western allies. He said the United States "top priority" in arms control is concluding a US-Soviet treaty to cut strategic nuclear arsenals by 50 percent.

But Shultz focused on the problem of proliferation. "Bad as the proliferation of chemical weapons and ballistic missiles," Shultz said, "nuclear proliferation poses an even graver threat to international stability. The United States considers nuclear proliferation the most important item on this special session's agenda," he said.

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Civil defence committee holds meeting

JEDDAH, June 14, (KUNA): The civil defence committee here held its first meeting today under the chairmanship of Prince Majid Bin Abdul Aziz, the governor of Makkah region.

Addressing the meeting, Prince Majid thanked the members of the committee for their great efforts and underlined the importance of the civil defence operations.

Earlier the commander of Civil Defence in Makkah region, Colonel Abbas Ghandourah welcomed Prince Majid and said the committee will review a number of items on its agenda including environmental and industrial hazards in the region's main cities.

Following the meeting, Prince Majid told reporters that the committee discussed and pinpointed potential dangers relating to industrial establishments adding that a number of subcommittees were formed to study the cases of each establishment and identify the possible dangers for undertaking precautionary measures.

Computer centre using latest technological systems

LATIFA AL JASSAR, the director of the computer centre at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, has said that the centre, which was established in 1981, is now using the latest technological systems to document official formalities and preserve rare documents.

The centre issues regular statistics about manpower in Kuwait as well as printing work permits. The centre can also offer services to sporting clubs, organisations and co-operative societies relating to membership and information about their activities.

Al Jassar pointed out that of the 61 people working at the centre, half were Kuwaiti nationals. 85 per cent of the staff are females. She suggested that Kuwaiti youths should be encouraged to work in the computer field by giving them all the advantages and the other privileges foreigners enjoyed, adding that many Kuwaiti computer staff left the government sector, discouraged by their low pay compared to that of non-Kuwaitis.

Kuwaiti envoy
DUBAI, June 14, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Ambassador to UAE Mohammad Saud Al Lamea met here today with UAE's Minister of Finance and Industry, Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid.

Bilateral cooperation in the fields of finance and industry were discussed.

Higher Planning Council discusses means to increase efficiency of Kuwaitis

THE Higher Planning Council, meeting on Monday under chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, was briefed on reports of a number of subcommittees on the state's current and future policies in various fields.

Secretary general of the council Fuad Abdul Rahman Mula Hussein told KUNA that the council's 11th and final session for its first year 1987-88 considered a report tabled by the general policies committee that included recommendations on the second year of the five-year development plan 1986-87.

He added that the report focused on the importance of the follow-up process of the development plan should be the responsibility of planning bureaus and committees in government ministries and institutions.

Elevating
The discussions further centred on necessity of elevating competency of the Kuwaiti nationals and increasing their percentage in the country's manpower as means of amending the demographic composition, Hussein elaborated.

He pointed out that the council members said that due importance should be attached to studying the failure phenomenon in various educational stages and that planning should be directed to check all forms of waste.

The members further discussed a report of the economic committee on the state budget for fiscal 1988-89 that highlighted whether financial resources coped with goals and trends of the development plan. Hussein went on.

Opportunities
The secretary general said that the economic committee treated the state budget as an extension of efforts to boost economic activities, complete infrastructure project, providing services to citizens and find suitable work opportunities to Kuwaiti youths in government sector.

The committee emphasised that tabling the state budget with the planning council is an opportunity to discuss important economic and social issues to draw policies and adopt appropriate decisions, Hussein underlined.

He said that the report further targeted outlining yields of public expenditure rather than monitoring expenditure.

The committee's recommendations hence focussed on policies of promoting human resources, limiting public expenditure, government subsidies and the financial and monetary policies in addition to a number of other important topics, Hussein explained.

The council assigned the economic committee to discuss means of settling deficit in the state budget and identifying sources for boosting revenues and methods of rationalising public expenditure, the secretary underlined.

Briefed
Hussein noted that HH the Crown Prince and Premier and the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister have briefed the council members on outcome of the recent extraordinary Arab summit conference in Algiers and that Sheikh Saad affirmed the unlimited supporting to the Palestinian people's popular uprising and struggle to regain their lands.

He then elaborated on work of the various council permanent committees noting that the social service committee had studied a number of social phenomena

and their impact on development march.

The economic committee played a great role in defining trends of the state budget while the general policies committee's efforts gave prominence to setting a general strategy for the country and a long-range development plan in the light of that strategy.

Population
The demographic policy committee centred on amending the country's population through belittling dependence on expatriate workers and elevating efficiency of the Kuwaiti citizens and their contribution in the work force.

He noted that upon directive of Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi the council's general secretariat employed a number of national cadres and internal regulations of the council were completed in its first year.

The secretariat will prepare this summer its first annual report and proposals for next year's programme of work to be tabled with the council in its upcoming session on September 21, Hussein concluded.

Iraqi official hails Algiers Arab summit

AN Iraqi senior official yesterday hailed the recent Arab extraordinary summit saying its a continuation or "a kind of development in the Arab stance" that is different from the stance taken in Amman's summit last November.

Iraqi First Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan hoped that the development in the Arab stance should be greater, because it will lead to deeper understanding and national awareness.

He told Al Seyassah that the Libyan delegation as well as the Syrian team to the Algiers summit showed positive stances toward the Iraq-Iran war.

Triumphs
Ramadan noted that the recent Iraqi triumphs would solidate the stances of the Arab Gulf states in supporting Iraq on the grounds that Iraq and the Gulf states form a confrontation line against Israel.

On the Jordanian relations with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Ramadan said that he expressed belief that such relations would form the basis of an Arab co-operation within the framework of the struggle against Israel.

Meanwhile, another Iraqi official has hailed the honourable stances of Kuwait's press,

people and government towards the Iranian attacks on Iraq, and praised Kuwait's steadfastness in face of all plots that targeted its security and stability.

The governor of Seleimania City Ja'afar Abdul Karim Al Barzanji told a Kuwaiti newspaper that Iraq is able to liberate Halabche area, and the border strip at the appropriate time.

He added that the Iranian troops in their recent attacks concentrated on the Seleimania province in a bid to occupy a foothold but the Iraq troops foiled the Iranian attempts.

Seleimania is not afraid of any possible Iranian or Kurdish rebels' attacks, because it had never been in a dangerous position, he said.

Kurdish
Regarding the Kurdish role in defending Iraq, Barzanji said that the Kurdish struggle is abiding by their duty along with the Iraqi army in addition to their obligations inside the government.

He affirmed that life is normal in the governorate despite the continuation of the war, adding that a number of projects have been implemented as the Iraqi government has allocated sufficient funds for construction, agriculture, industry, and other services.



Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday received copies of credentials of the new Ambassadors of the Vatican, Archbishop Marian Oles and Sierra Leone, Amado Mohammed. Picture shows Sheikh Sabah receiving a copy of credentials from the Vatican envoy.

GCC environment meeting

THE GCC working team empowered to study the environment general system in member states held a meeting yesterday at the premises of the GCC general secretariat in Riyadh. The meeting is scheduled to last two days.

The meeting will debate the Saudi proposals on the general system applicable to the environment including the use of the latest technology for the control of pollution. The proposals also include tasks and duties of individuals and authorities concerned to minimise environmental dangers by temporarily or permanently banning any activities which would have negative effects on the environment.

Training courses

THE training and administrative affairs department at Kuwait Petroleum Corporation organised two training courses for employees of the central internal auditing department.

The courses attended by 21 employees began yesterday and would last up to June 21.

These training courses have been adopted on conclusion of the training plan formulated by KPC and were organised in co-operation with the Kuwait University and Kuwait Accountants and Auditors Society and were designed to upgrade employees' techniques in the performance of internal auditing.

Criminal evidence conference opens

Arab officials in charge of criminal evidence departments today start here their three-day 2nd conference to discuss a number of issues to develop cooperation in the combating crime fields.

Head of the Kuwaiti delegation to the conference, assistant director-general of criminal evidences and director of criminal laboratories in the Kuwaiti Interior Ministry Colonel Saud Al Barges told KUNA here that the participants will review results of implementing recommendations of the officials' first conference. He added the deliberations

will also focus on the technical and scientific techniques in observing crime scenes.

In addition the officials will discuss a draft proposal on the Arab guide for criminal idioms.

Al Barges noted that the Kuwaiti delegation will submit a working paper to the conference, dealing with developing the methods used in fields of forgery and criminal laboratories in addition to other criminal related issues.

He expressed hope that the officials would come out with good results to upgrade the work of the Arab criminal evidence apparatuses.

Seminar on telephone services

A LOCAL daily reported that recently the Minister of Communications Abdullah Al Sharan organised a seminar attended by the ministry's undersecretary Abdulaziz Al Auoub, assistant undersecretaries and directors of the technical department.

The seminar was organised to draw up the framework of the telephone services up to 2005 A.D. These services are envisaged to provide 50 telephone lines for each 100 persons. The population is expected to touch a figure of 2.5 million by the end of the year 2005 A.D.

Information minister receives KUNA officials

MINISTER of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah yesterday received board chairman and director-general of Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) Barges Hmoud Al Barges.

During the meeting that was attended by deputy board chairman Dr Abdul Aziz Al Mansour, deputy director-general Ahmad Dashed and members of the board of directors, Sheikh Jaber listened to an overall explanation of work progress in KUNA and its accomplishments and future plans.

The Information Minister expressed satisfaction over KUNA's achievements and furnished them with his instructions and suggestions on promoting work in the agency.

Sudanese envoy

KUWAIT'S Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Homoud Al Rqobah yesterday received at his office the Sudanese Ambassador to Kuwait Mohammed Al Amin Abdullah.

They discussed ways of boosting bilateral relations.

The minister also received the Ambassador of Romania to Kuwait.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah. The Amir also received the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Amir to receive credentials

HH the Amir will receive today credentials of Ambassadors of Vatican and Sierra Leone to Kuwait. An official ceremony will take place at Sief Palace today on this occasion.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Call to end Arab isolation of Egypt

A KUWAITI paper yesterday repeated its call for ending Arab isolation of Egypt and reminded that Egypt remains the Arab leading power with its military and political weight.

Criticising the recent Algiers' Arab extraordinary summit for failure to re-admit Cairo into the Arab League, Al Rai Al Aam daily said, in its editorial yesterday, that the Arabs had failed to reconcile their differences at a time when the world's two major adversaries, the US and the Soviet Union, had agreed at the Moscow summit to start a new chapter of détente.

"Continued political isolation of Egypt," it opined, "is an indication of continued (Arab) state of weakness and Arab siding with the minority against the majority."

Al Rai Al Aam blamed the Arab ineptitude and lack of ability to face facts at the Algiers' summit and failure to reconsider calculations and take stock of the magnitude of changes in superpower relations with their reflections on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Noting Egypt's position as the Arab leading force in the military and political fields, the paper believed that without Egypt's support, "the (ongoing Palestinian) uprising will remain weak and Arab summits ineffective unless their aim is to move capital or invest it in new spheres and channels."

Alawi visits Indonesia

MUSCAT, June 14, (KUNA): Omani State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Yussif Bin Alawi today starts visits to Indonesia and South Korea in response to these countries foreign ministers' visits to Oman. Bin Alawi, during his visits,

will confer with senior officials there on means of promoting bilateral relations, regional and international issues of mutual interest topped by Iraq-Iran war, Middle East crisis in addition to the Cambodian and Afghanistan issues.

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Algiers summit highly successful: Abu Iyad

A SENIOR Palestinian official lauded yesterday results of the extraordinary Arab summit held in Algiers June 7 to 9.

Central committee member of Fatah movement, Major component of the PLO, Salah Khalaf described the summit as the most successful one in support of the Palestine cause.

Khalaf, better known as Abu Iyad, told a press conference in Fatah office in Jaberiya suburb, that despite attempts to hurdle that conference yet it was held at the insistence of Algerian President Chadli Bin Jedid.

Savage

The summit's resolutions will boost the Palestinian popular uprising, he said, noting that the summiters have reaffirmed the Palestinian people's rights for self-determination, return and statehood.

Meanwhile, he affirmed that the failure of all suppressive attempts to contain the revolt

and underlined that "our people will continue revolting until complete rights are secured."

Abu Iyad stressed that the upheaval is organised more than anyone thinks and said that its various stages are progressing steadily.

The ultimate stage of civil disobedience depends on ensuring financial resources to more than 200,000 labourers in the occupied territories in addition to other circumstances, he elaborated.

Opportunity

The enemy had pursued all savage measures to quell the uprising, the Palestinian official said, adding that the Zionists have only two methods left namely mass deportation and killings.

However, he emphasised all those atrocities will not check the Palestinian people's determination to continue the uprising.

Asked on the situation in

Lebanon, Abu Iyad said that the Arab country is approaching the presidential elections which he described as an opportunity to forge national unity among various factions.

He reiterated the Palestinians' backing to any solution accepted by the Lebanese to rid their country from its current ordeal.

In response to another question on formation of a Palestinian government in exile, he said that the issue is included on agenda of the Palestinian leadership.

However, time is not ripe yet for tabling that subject since it should coincide with a near end to the occupation and the start of negotiations between the parties concerned.

Asked on the return of Egypt to the Arab League, Abu Iyad said that the issue should be discussed in an Arab summit and pointed to Egypt's material and moral weight in the Arab ranks.



● The Information Minister, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah presided over the 13th meeting of the Higher Theatre Committee. The committee discussed the various aspects relating to theatre movement in Kuwait and its development.

Minister tells ILO session

Saudis keen to implement sharia

GENEVA, June 14, (KUNA): The Minister of Labour and Social Affairs in Saudi Arabia Mohammed Al Ali Al Fayed reiterated here today keenness of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia for implementing sharia (the Islamic law).

Minister Al Fayed was speaking this morning before the 75th session of the International Labour Conference here and said the current justice, prosperity and security being witnessed by the labour sectors in the kingdom was the product of the implementation of the Islamic law strictly.

Adherence

"The current stabilisation of labour inter-relationships, harmony and brotherhood being established between employers and employees in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia could be a material evidence for the success of the implementation of labour regulation being adopted by the kingdom in line with good Islamic laws and international

labour regulations," he told the gathering.

Al Fayed emphasised the kingdom's keenness for preserving the rights of both employers and employees by establishing adequate means for monitoring the adherence of both sides with the regulations and finding skill and qualified bodies for settling labour-related cases as soon as possible.

Al Fayed enumerated the various development achievements accomplished by the kingdom thanks to strict commitment to the Islamic rules.

Results

He said within the last few years, the kingdom managed to realise tremendous health, educational, industrial, training, technological, constructional, housing, labour and social projects.

Al Fayed told the conference that the educational and training facilities in the kingdom have been unfolded many times dur-

ing the last few decades.

He cited the report submitted by director general of the International Labour Organisation, ILO, on the results achieved by the organisation's mission during this year in line with ILO's resolutions during the two conferences of 1979 and 1980 on Palestine and other occupied Arab territories.

While expressing appreciation to the efforts of the fact-finding mission, Al Fayed said the Arab workers in occupied lands were still suffering from Zionist injustice and oppression.

Citing the inhuman, suppressive and discriminative acts being practised by the Zionist enemy against the Palestinian people and Arab worker, Al Fayed called on for more effective efforts to protect the interests of the Arab workers in the occupied lands.

He also appealed to ILO to support peaceful efforts underway for ending the destructive Iran-Iraq war.

Passengers left behind by KAC

Arab Times report

SEVERAL passengers with confirmed Kuwait Airways tickets could not take the flight to Dhaka on Monday night of June 13, because of a booking error. KAC had booked 200 seats but 218 tickets were sold. All the passengers had reconfirmed their bookings.

KAC officials, who were heard discussing the situation, said the problem was compounded by six deportees on transit from Saudi Arabia who were put aboard the flight. At one point serious altercations were going on amongst the ground staff on whether to offload these six from the flight.

The staff at the check-in counters were of no help to the unfortunate passengers. When approached the managerial staff

said: "We cannot help. The flight is overbooked. Go to the city office and ask them why they overbooked."

But this piece of advice was no solace to the passengers who had informed their relatives and families in Bangladesh about their arrival and many of these relatives were coming to Dhaka from far-flung areas.

The unco-operative attitude of the check-in staff irked these passengers the most.

The staff refused at least four times to accept the luggage of a passenger named Hares Ahmed. First he was told to wait. Then the staff said they would first accept group passengers and then the rest. Ultimately Hares was left behind. He had been at the airport since 6.45 pm. The flight was scheduled for 9.45 pm. Finally, eight passengers could not be accommodated.

Health meeting

THE health enlightenment committee at Jahra health area held a meeting attended by Imams of mosques of Jahra, Sulaibiya and Sulaibikhat areas.

The meeting aimed at coordinating work in the field of health awareness between the committee and Imams of the mosques.

Waterfront Project

THE Minister of State for Municipal Affairs, Mohammed Al Rifai, has said that two stages of the Waterfront Project have been completed and that the Public Works Ministry is carrying out the third stage, which starts from the area of Ras Al Salmiya. Designs for the fourth stage, which includes the coastal area from the Hilton Hotel to Sief Palace and the fifth stage, from

Sief Palace to Salam Palace, are under way. He noted that designs were made by the Municipality, while the Public Works Ministry was responsible for executing the project.

Al Rifai also made reference to the fact that the ministry is carrying out a joint project to pave markets, main roads and squares in front of the government buildings in Kuwait City.



● Kuwait Public Transport Company, last Thursday, treated guests to a two-hour sea trip in the ferry Mischan. To facilitate guests to view Kuwait from the sea, KPTC will continue arranging such trips every Thursday. KPTC Public Relations Officer Miss Salwa Al Sammak shown with guests on board Mischan.

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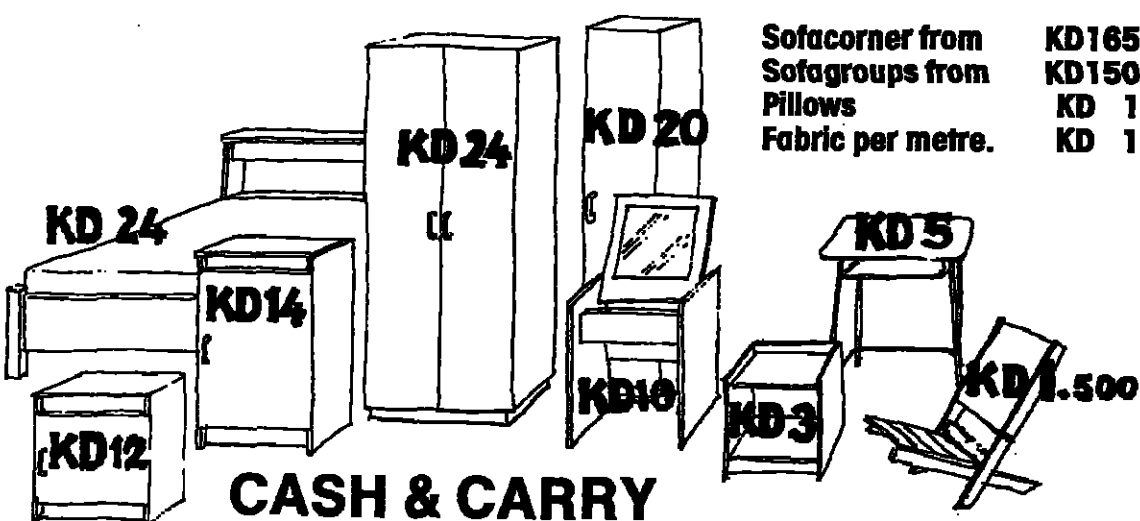
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By Brian Hollis

SEVERAL recent American box office hits have started to filter into Kuwait last week, and several should be available in the next few days. First to be released is a new police thriller starring an actor who seemed to have disappeared for several years, Sidney Poitier.

In *Shoot to Kill*, Poitier plays a streetwise California FBI agent who is incensed when a psychopathic killer shoots his hostage dead after the police fulfil their part of the bargain in handing over a consignment of diamonds. The killer flees north and filters into a group of fishermen heading into the remote Rockies near the Canadian border. Their guide is a nubile young lady (Kirstie Alley) and her boyfriend, a skilled trail guide (Tom Berenger) joins the manhunt with Poitier. To tell more would spoil the story, but let me assure you that this one will keep you gripped to your seats right till the end. All the main stars are excellent and the backdrop of the Rocky Mountains (along with the occasional bear and moose), adds colour to an exciting film.



Gabriel Byrne and Padraig O'Longaigh in *The Courier*

VIDEO CORNER

Out to kill

The Courier is a gritty British thriller about the wild side of life in Dublin. Gabriel Byrne plays Val, a ruthless drug dealer who fills up his pockets of heroin with the odd grain of flash. He uses smack victim Danny for a job, and when Danny fouls up, adds a dose of strychnine to his pay packet. Danny's friend Mark, a streetwise ex-drug user, now a motorbike courier, swears revenge, and becomes part of Val's pusher network, delivering and dropping off packets of heroin. He substitutes parcels and sets Val up, delivering him his own packet and calling in the Drug Squad. But Val manages to fool the police, and sets his gang onto Mark, who goes into hiding. Despite the odd weakness in the script, leading to a few unintentional laughs, this thriller works surprisingly well. All credit to a cast who have made good use of a limited budget. Dramatic bursts of violence, and a good score featuring U2 and Elvis Costello

add class to some good video entertainment.

This week's best-seller is a British production called *Wish Me Luck*, which is set during the Second World War. The British War Department needs underground agents in occupied France, to support the Resistance movement, and calls upon two young women of totally different backgrounds, who have one thing in common: their knowledge of France and fluency in the language. However, when it comes to the reality of working in enemy territory, the upper class good time girl (Suzanna Hamilton) finds comfort in the pragmatism of the northern scrubber (Kate Buffery), whose main fear is of divulging the names of her resistance contacts when caught and tortured by the Nazis. A good story with lots of surprises. *Wish Me Luck* should provide eight hours of video pleasure for those who find the beach rather hot these days.



Sidney Poitier and Tom Berenger in *Shoot to Kill*

Shadow Dreams is a martial arts spectacular starring world champion Jeong Sook Lee as an immigrant to America whose family is murdered by Mafia-like property developers. In an attempt to revenge his family, he trains a fading boxer to take the world title from the property developers' protégé. Plenty of biffs and slo' mo' highkicks that will no doubt please kung fu aficionados.

Police Academy has a lot to answer for apart from the endless sequels, we also have to put up with interminable cash-in-on-the-name spinoffs. *Driving Academy* comes complete with all easily identifiable characters — the geek, the spoilt rich girl, the jock and the stud. Trying to keep them under control is teacher Larry, who has been threatened with the sack if the students fail. The intimidating Miss Savage is also assigned to the class to lick the kids into shape. The result is predictable, complete with the evil superior striving to sabotage their efforts. Whoever made this one should have his licence withdrawn.

Not Quite Human is typical Disney fodder for kids who are into computers and androids. The story involves a scientist and his teenage daughter Becky. Dad has just succeeded in creating an android called Chip, a 17-year-old all American boy who can even eat junkfood thanks to his special 'trash impactor.' But nasty Mr Vogel wants to turn Chip into a fighting machine. Entertaining nonsense.

Talking about fighting machines, Rambo is back in cartoon form in a full length feature *Rambo: The Rescue*. The plot is really an excuse for lots of gun battles, explosions and fighting, as he defeats the invading army almost single handedly with a barrage of weapons including fighter planes. Exactly the kind of meatheaded 'Freedom Fighter' that President Reagan would love to flush out all those commies in Central America. What about Rambo III? Watch this space for more information next week!

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Fintas; Video Nani, Sal-hiya and Video Club, Sal-miya.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.30 Rahlat Haul Al Alam: cartoons
10.15 Shaqqah Bidoun Saqqal: daily serial, with Tahya Karioka, Dalal Abdul Aziz
11.15 Illa Abi wa Ammi Ma'a Tahya: featuring Hayat Al Fahad, Khalid Al Nafisi
12.00 Good Morning/News Summary
12.15 People and Sports
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
2.30 Bahloul: Arabic serial, with Assam Sulaiman, Salah Qasas.
3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon Serial
4.00 News Summary
4.05 Magazine D'Actualite
4.25 Lydia Bailey: English feature film, starring

Dale Robertson, Anne Francis. 1952 version of Kenneth Roberts actioner of 1800s Haiti and revolt against French rulers.

6.00 Bunduq Wa Bundugah: children's serial, starring Liza, Abdul Rahman Abu Zahra
7.00 With Students
8.00 With Students
8.30 Souk Al Ghaz: Arabic serial, featuring Mohammad Saeed, Shirin, Zuhair Numaini.
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Riffat Al Hijran: starring Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Yusra, Yusuf Shaban
10.50 Hikayat Min Al Badiya: "Al Majid," starring Miyad Awad, Yusuf Al Jamal, Ali Al Samir, Yusuf Al Yusuf.
11.50 News Summary/Mag-

azine D'Actualite/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.15 Football: European Championship, Ireland vs Soviet Union. Referee: Paolo Casarin, Italy.
8.00 News in English
8.15 Sledge Hammer
9.15 Football: European Championship, Italy vs Spain
11.00 Private Eye: Frank is asked to find the missing daughter of a wealthy man.
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

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1935 Press Report
1940 Subha-e-Nau
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Hidayat Rabbani
2100 Closedown.

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsweek
30 Omnibus
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Report on Religion
45 Country Style
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 1st and 8th Big Bands — The

Singers, 15th A-Z of Hollywood; 22nd and 29th Sports-world

30 Citizens
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 Discovery
0400 Newsweek
30 Talk/Story (ex 1st Derby Preview)
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Report on Religion
45 The World Today
0600 Newsweek
30 Meridian
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Development '88
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Classical Record Review (ex 1st Derby Preview)
30 Brain of Britain 1988
0900 World News

09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 1st, 15th and 29th Jazz Scene UK; 8th and 22nd Folk in Britain
1000 News Summary followed by Omnibus
30 A Word in Edgeways

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
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WHAT'S ON

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CINEMA

British Council

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, a film for children, will be shown at 6 pm on June 15 and at 10.30 am on June 16. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is an old neglected car. Who could have guessed it has magical qualities? Approx. Duration: 145 minutes.

SOCIAL

Onam Festival

The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasia, will celebrate Onam on Aug. 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala

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SPORTS

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The Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK), will hold their bowling tournament for men's and women's doubles on June 17, 24 and July 1 and 8, at the Holiday Inn Hotel. The tournament will be held from 6 pm to 10 pm. The elimination rounds will be held on June 17 and 24. The semi-finals are on July 1 and the finals are on July 8. For registration contact PBAK Director Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 4843447.

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Starring: Suhair Babli, Issad Yunus

Al Firdous
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Starring: Govinda, Kimi Katkar

Fahaheel Open-Air
Himmat aur Mehnat (Hindi)

Al Fahaheel
Al Mazalkati (Arabic)

Al Jahra
The Last Hunter

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WAR is a contagion — Franklin D. Roosevelt, US President (1882-1945).

Civil rights at US-Mexico border

INS agents do high pressure jobs

By Nadine Epstein

NOGALES, Ariz.: It is 6 o'clock on a Sunday evening, and from the Nogales, Ariz., primary border checkpoint the lines of cars waiting to cross into the United States stretch back as far as the eye can see.

Rain, snow, or merciless sun, US Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS) and Customs agents stand on a concrete slab surrounded by the swarm of automobiles. They work eight hours a day, six, often seven, days a week, making instant decisions about whom to choose for secondary checks — on the basis of pale fingerprints, sweaty palms, red ears, averted eyes, and a few green cards — things they learned to look for in training.

Inside the noisy border station, agents guard the pedestrian gate or stand behind a busy counter to issue permits.

"It's a high-pressure job, and nobody ever tells our side," says Carlos Ramirez, a popular INS supervisor here. "There's just one car after another. You have to make sure they should be admitted, that they have proper documents, and at the same time, see what they are bringing into the country. You have to listen to them, see what their bodies say, and check for drugs, all in a few seconds. They could be armed fugitives. You never know what's going to happen," Ramirez says.

Monotonous
Although dangerous incidents occur, border traffic is mostly a monotonous flow of Mexican shoppers going to the Kmart, young couples dressed for a night out, and returning American tourists.

Since the Nogales port of entry is understaffed, agents routinely work weekends and holidays. They are fortunate to get one day a week off, says Ramirez, who retired from the US Army in 1976. "Don't think I didn't look at my neighbour setting up for a barbecue with his family just as I was leaving for work. It does get to you. But it's also a very rewarding job. I love helping people and greeting travellers who come into our country for the first time."

As he speaks, an inspector

brings in a 25-year-old Mexican with a forged green card who later has to be released because no beds are available in the local jail.

Being an agent in a border city is a high-stress job, says Jesus Jerez, the inspector who just walked in. "When I got here in 1976, the divorce rate (among the agents) was 80 per cent and I was one," says Jerez, a supervisor filling in as an inspector. Jerez, who has since remarried, was bitten by a Mexican homosexual whom he questioned Christmas night in 1986. Now he says he has to be tested for AIDS every year for the next five years.

At ports of entry, inspectors are under the constant eye of supervisors like Ramirez and Jerez, who also answer questions and make hard judgment calls. Supervisors decide if complaints are valid, based on their knowledge of inspectors.

Despite the fact that the most frequently heard complaint against the INS and Customs is rudeness, Jerez maintains that the vast majority of inspectors are courteous and friendly. He says he screens out a lot of complaints from people he calls "nasties — you know, loudmouths." Sometimes supervisors decide that complaints are valid and agents have unnecessarily over-searched, overquestioned, or harassed. "I had one guy who had a real police attitude," Ramirez says. "Although we wear a badge and a sash, we are not police here."

Jerez and Ramirez say it is their job to catch things like this. In most cases, a few moments of working with the agent does the trick. Sometimes supervisors decide an agent is unsuitable, and they begin the difficult task of transferring the agent.

"A lot of the job is personality," Ramirez says. He says he has never pulled his gun and prides himself on that. "Remember, inspectors are only human," says Jerez, who has been involved in five shooting incidents. "There's a personal and professional transference going on. If we have had a hard time with the guy before, it's hard to just wipe your face clean and start anew. It's the same in the real, civilian world."

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Prem under pressure to end his rule

By Paul Wedel

BANGKOK, (UPI): Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda, once considered a shoo-in to return to office following next month's election, is under fire to end his 8-year rule.

But Prem, with the apparent support of military officers who troop regularly to his residence, appears determined to maintain his grip on power even though he will not run in the July 24 polls.

In the obscure world of Thai power politics, where confrontations are often indirect and decisions are made behind the scenes, Prem suffered a setback when 99 senior university professors sent a petition complaining about him to revered King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

"Divisions and disunity have occurred among the military, civil servants and the people because the political leader who is caretaker head of the government has not been truly neutral," it said.

"He has allowed the military forces... which exist to protect and develop the country to be used as a show of force to support personal political status."

The palace could have let the petition drop, but instead referred it to Prem for an answer.

Criticism

The criticism carried particular weight because it was addressed to the king and because the signers included a number of senior professors and distant relations of the king.

Under the Thai constitution, cabinet ministers are not required to be members of parliament. Prem has held office since March 1980 because political party leaders, under pressure from the Army, have been unable to agree on a civilian politician to head the government.

Prem's pro-US foreign policy

and cautious economic policies have paved the way for rapid industrialization and growth expected to top 7 per cent this year.

Prem, 67, a silver-haired retired general, has weathered two coup attempts and bitter squabbling within his coalition because he is seen as the only political figure with the support of the military and the monarchy.

Former Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoj, of royal ancestry himself, said Prem's favour with the king is no greater than most other prime ministers serving under King Bhumibol during his 42-year reign.

"Prem knows that he can last longer if he gives the impression of being the royal favourite," Kukrit said in an interview.

But "whenever the king goes anywhere, Prem must be there to welcome him," Kukrit said. "The king doesn't say a word to Prem, who stays around the whole time trying to get a nod or the acknowledgement of the king."

Coalition

The king, however, remains officially above politics.

More than 20 official parties are contesting the 357 seats at stake. No single party is likely to win more than 100 seats, making a multi-party coalition almost inevitable.

Opposition parties, like the government coalition, have failed to agree on a campaign cooperation or on a candidate for prime minister.

Few leaders bogged down in their faction-ridden parties are seen as having prime ministerial stature. But Prem's aloof personal style and his refusal to seek election have turned many against him. The academics' petition was followed by attacks by the National Lawyers Association and student groups.

By David Francis

WASHINGTON: Socialists today are likely to be following a moderate capitalist agenda.

That's a thesis offered by Paul Craig Roberts, a former assistant secretary of the Treasury during President Reagan's first term, now at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies of Georgetown University in Washington.

There's some evidence to support such a generalization.

In France, President Francois Mitterrand, re-elected to a second term, has said repeatedly that he will not revert to a doctrinaire socialist policy. Nor will he raise income taxes. He will continue with the deregulation of his country's financial industry.

Across the English Channel, the Labour Party's policy review group recently suggested a decided turn to the middle in party strategy. The party, if it accepts the draft report's far-reaching overhaul of policy, will reject re-nationalization of

industries privatized by Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government. The report instead calls for tougher regulation of major utilities. It suggests promoting the competitiveness of British companies.

Of course, Thatcher now talks of running for a fourth term of office stretching well into the 1990s. Even with a more pro-capitalist platform, the Labour Party could remain in opposition.

Defeat

In West Germany, the governing conservative Christian Democrat Party has suffered a defeat in its traditional northern stronghold of Schleswig-Holstein at the hands of the opposition Social Democrats. But a scandal in that state gave the election some aspects of a special character.

In the United States, neither the Democrats nor Republicans would dare advocate socialism or even European-style social democracy. In fact, however,

American government, with its various social measures, actually practices a weak form of social democracy.

All Western governments have what academics call "mixed economies," with the proportion of the economy going through the government varying from about 28 per cent (Japan) to 61 per cent (Sweden). All levels of US government use about 36 per cent of national output. Either a President George Bush or a President Michael Dukakis will remain thoroughly capitalist, though probably could be expected to move toward the economic centre from the strong conservatism of President Reagan.

Controls

In each of these democracies, the desire to win an election tends to move major parties toward the middle, away from ideology. The result, notes Dr Roberts, is that citizens often complain that there isn't "a dime's difference" between the presidential candidates.

Deregulation to continue

Socialists following moderate capitalist agenda

One change in these days of Reaganism and the demonstrated economic failure of communism and orthodox socialism is that the so-called "left" behaves like moderate capitalists.

A decade or so ago, the so-called "right" behaved like moderate socialists, says Roberts, recalling as an example the wage and price controls imposed by President Nixon.

In the communist countries, China calls its capitalist practices socialism, perhaps winking an eye. Its peasants now have, in reality, private property (called long-term land contracts). Lessees of small factories are free to make a profit or loss like manufacturers in capitalist countries.

Managers of large companies are given more power under a contract system to make decisions outside central planning and are systematically being freed from party control. China has been setting up free-enterprise zones, joint ventures with foreign capitalists, and even

stock markets.

The result is a soaring economy, growing a real 9.4 per cent last year. If that were to continue, China's national output would exceed that of the Soviet Union in a couple of decades.

Aware of this threat, Soviet party chief Mikhail Gorbachev has been pushing reforms. He deserves Western support, Margaret Thatcher told an interviewer recently.

Credit

West German commercial banks, with government approval, agreed to provide Moscow with \$2 billion in credit to buy the equipment and know-how to modernize its food and consumer goods industries.

Such assistance is pouring money down a rat hole, Roberts contends. The Soviet reforms are too modest to make the economy substantially more efficient.

Even with such Western subsidies, the economy will fall further and further behind. Soviet leaders openly criticize central

planning and the conservatism and privilege of the bureaucracy. But because they are afraid of losing political control, they limit their reforms. In China too, the Communist Party isn't likely to permit a genuine political rival for power.

Roberts wonders whether the Soviet Union, sliding down the economic chute, will attempt to retain its world position by military action.

But there are no signs of increased militarism at the moment. If anything, the withdrawal from Afghanistan indicates the reverse.

What all this shows is that economic pragmatism has been overruling economic ideology around the world. Economic results are today more measurable.

Better-informed citizens are choosing leaders that offer tested economic methods, not theory.

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By Ibrahim Noori

RABAT, (Reuters): Five Arab countries in North Africa have made the first cautious move to fulfil their dream of a Maghreb union on Europe's doorstep.

But diplomats said the Western Sahara conflict and differing views on how to achieve the union could delay its birth.

Brought together at a special Arab summit in Algiers last week, the leaders of Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Mauritania and Libya decided after a one-hour meeting on Friday to entrust a committee with a mandate to find ways to achieve union.

Some diplomats had expected the leaders, who met after the Arab summit at Algerian President Chadli Benjedid's residence, to issue a formal declaration of intent to unite.

Problems
Instead, they confined themselves to creating the committee, which will hold its first meeting in Algiers on July 13. Each country will have three representatives.

"It seems that problems such as the Western Sahara conflict and Libya's unity concept restrained them from making a bolder announcement," one

Tripoli set its own conditions

Five Maghreb nations move towards union

diplomat said.

"What they have done now is to create a formal forum to debate how to realise their dream," another diplomat commented.

The Western Sahara dispute was pushed to the sidelines after Algeria and Morocco last month resumed diplomatic ties, ruptured 12 years ago over Algerian support for Polisario guerrillas fighting Morocco for independence of the former Spanish colony.

Conditions

All sides now agree that the dispute should be resolved through a referendum under United Nations auspices.

But diplomats said the mercurial Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi's views on unity were the main obstacle in the way of the Maghreb union.

Last year, Libya declined to join the 1983 Friendship Treaty with Algeria, Mauritania and Tunisia as a first step towards Maghreb unity.

Tripoli set its own conditions

for accession, including more comprehensive political coordination and abolition of frontiers set by former colonial powers.

The Maghreb countries, forming an arc atop the African continent from Mauritania on the Atlantic to Libya on the Mediterranean, could be a major economic bloc, with their mineral, marine and agricultural wealth.

Libya, Algeria and Tunisia are oil producers. Mauritania and Morocco are major exporters of fish. Morocco is also a major exporter of phosphates.

The five have a combined area of 6.1 million sq km (2.3 million sq miles), or about two-thirds of the area of the United States. Their population of about 58 million people is one-fifth of the US population.

Moroccan senior minister Moulay Ahmed Alaoui, writing in the pro-government newspaper Le Matin on Saturday, urged the five to lay the union's base now.

By Cotton Timberlake

WAKEFIELD, England, (AP): Single-union and no-strike deals are spreading in Britain, provoking a bitter fight among the country's declining unions which threatens to split their umbrella organization, the Trades Union Congress.

As the battle rages at union meetings in London, presenting the TUC with one of the worst crises in its 120-year history, such deals are quietly being struck in places like Wakefield.

Here, the decline of traditional coal and textile industries makes getting a job much more important than defending union rights.

In this red-brick, Yorkshire city of 59,000, the excitement surrounding a new £50-million (\$91 million) plant being built jointly by Coca-Cola Co. and Cadbury Schweppes PLC is not about the single-union deal it will bring, but about the 500 new jobs it will provide to a region where unemployment is 12.7 per cent. This is almost 4 percentage points above the national average.

Unemployment

High unemployment, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's anti-union legislation and new shopfloor practices imported by Japanese manufacturers have transformed Britain's once strike-ridden organized labour.

Deals under which one union represents all the workers at a plant, and arbitration replaces the strike weapon, are expected to multiply even faster after a stunning defeat for the unions in Scotland in March.

Ford Motor Co. scrapped plans to build an electronics plant in Dundee because it couldn't get its unions to accept the single-union deal it had reached with the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

The dramatic reversal scuttled what would have been Ford's 23rd British plant, cost 450 new jobs and provoked widespread anger against what Scottish Secretary Malcolm Rifkind termed the unions' "neanderthal attitudes."

No-strike

Thirty single-union deals have been struck, 10 of which include no-strike provisions, compared with six single-union deals and zero no-strike agreements five years ago, according to the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

"The number is growing. We envision it doubling by the end of this year," said John Mann, the union's research manager.

Championing the new deals are the 800,000-strong Amalgamated Engineering Union and

Single-union deals changing Britain

the 360,000-member Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union.

John Edmonds, general secretary of the General Municipal and Boilermakers, told his union's annual conference on June 7: "Single-union deals are the way of the future. We have just got to make sure they are respectable and that they are signed by unions which represent members properly."

Organized labour already is divided. The once mighty National Union of Mineworkers split following a disastrous 1984-85 colliery strike. The seamen are quarrelling over how to fight staff cutbacks in the ferry services.

Struck

In addition, strike-prone printworkers' unions have been emasculated by publishers introducing new newspaper technology.

The TUC membership has shrunk from 13 million to 6.5 million since 1979, and Thatcher boasts that the days when Britain could be crippled by strikes are over. Days lost to strikes fell from 29 million in 1979 to just 2.5 million in the year up to last March.

The Trades Union Congress is

threatening to expel the electricians' union at its annual meeting in September over single-union deals.

Meanwhile, the EETPU is balloting its members over whether to quit the TUC, and is talking to the AEU about joining forces to form their own break-away organization that would take one-ninth of the TUC membership.

"Such a split in the union movement would change the face of industrial relations and have serious implications for the Labour Party," the independent newspaper wrote. The loss of "two key affiliates would be financially and politically disastrous," it said.

The Labour Party is the main opposition to Thatcher's Conservative government, and the unions are its power base.

A TUC Committee has agreed to establish a code of conduct regarding single-union and no-strike deals, but is fighting over what its constituents should do. The Wakefield factory, which is to be Europe's largest soft-drink plant, "is going to mean a lot for the community of Wakefield. We're very grateful," said Mayor George Parkinson.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1215 — King John signs the Magna Carta, granting his barons more liberty, at Runnymede, England.
- 1520 — Pope Leo excommunicates Martin Luther by the bull exurge.
- 1567 — Earl of Bothwell, defeated at battle of Carberry Hill in Scotland, escapes to Norway, but Mary Queen of Scots is taken captive.
- 1672 — Stitches are opened in Holland to save Amsterdam from the French.
- 1774 — British Admiral Sir George Anson completes voyage around world.
- 1752 — Benjamin Franklin demonstrates relationship between lightning and electricity when he launches a kite during storm at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 1862 — Turkish forces bombard Belgrade after Serb uprising there.
- 1904 — More than 1,000 people perish in fire aboard steamboat General Slocum off New York's Manhattan island.
- 1923 — Alexander Stambolisky, Bulgarian political leader, is assassinated.
- 1940 — Germans outflank Maginot Line in France during World War II.
- 1944 — US forces begin invasion of Saipan Island in the Marianas in Pacific during World War II.
- 1970 — Martial law is declared in Turkey when serious rioting breaks out.
- 1985 — Experts in Brazil reassemble skull and skeleton of body believed to be that of Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele.
- 1987 — Hordes of students in anti-government protests fight riot police in vicious street battles in South Korea's capital of Seoul.

New doubts surface about Ligachev's role ahead of conference

By Mary Ellen Bortin

MOSCOW, (Reuters): The role of politburo member Yegor Ligachev has become the subject of new speculation in the tense run-up to this month's Communist Party conference on Kremlin reform, the major event of the Soviet political year.

With just over two weeks remaining before the conference opens on June 28, some analysts believe Ligachev may have lost the ideology portfolio which made him number two to Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev for the past three years.

Divided

But others say no clear signs have emerged of a loss of prestige for Ligachev. At least publicly, they say, Gorbachev appears concerned to portray his deputy's post as secure.

"As for comrade Ligachev and his retirement, that problem is simply non-existent," Gorbachev declared at the superpower summit drew to a close early this month.

His statement at a nationally

televised news conference, repeated in the party newspaper Pravda, reached a mass Soviet audience. But it failed to quell speculation that Ligachev, without retiring, may have been downgraded.

Western sources with links to the party say Ligachev's functions appear to have been divided between politburo member Alexander Yakovlev and Central Committee secretary Georgy Razumovsky, with Gorbachev himself in top charge of ideology.

According to this theory, Yakovlev — one of Gorbachev's closest allies — has taken over full responsibility for the media and Razumovsky commands party organisation matters.

This would put Razumovsky in charge of organizing the four-day conference, which is due to discuss deep reform of the Soviet political system.

In the run-up to the conference, the struggle between party reformers and conservatives has quickened, giving new urgency to the question of which forces will prevail.

Ligachev, 67, is viewed by

progressive Soviet intellectuals as a conservative whose cautious approach to change has made him a beacon for opponents of the reform drive.

Many of these opponents work within the party apparatus. Their resistance to change has built up as Gorbachev forges ahead with moves which would cut their privilege and power.

Among the most controversial reforms on the conference agenda is a proposal to limit party officials to two five-year terms in office, ending the Soviet tradition of posts for life.

Local party leaders fiercely opposed to such a move put up a strong fight last month during the election of conference delegates. In many Soviet regions, they engineered the rejection of leading backers of reform as delegates.

Well-informed sources say the ruling politburo riposted by ordering regional party bodies to elect pro-reform Moscow-based politicians and intellectuals as conference delegates.

As regional lists were published last week, the number of

ardent reformers known to be conference delegates swelled.

They range from Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, elected in his native Georgia, to outspoken editor Vitaly Korotich, elected in the Kherson region of the Ukraine.

Controversial

But by far the most controversial delegate elected in a far-flung province was Boris Yeltsin, the fiery former Moscow city party chief dismissed in disgrace last November for complaining that reform was proceeding too slowly.

Yeltsin, 57, was elected in Karelia on May 28, two days before he publicly denounced Ligachev as an opponent of change and called for his removal. His remark to a Western interviewer prompted Gorbachev's defence of Ligachev two days later.

But analysts say Yeltsin must have had some hint that his controversial remarks would not be totally unacceptable to Gorbachev and his reformist colleagues in the leadership.

The Yeltsin interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation was arranged by the Soviet state broadcasting body Goseleradio. Yakovlev is believed to have authorised it.

"Yeltsin has begun serving as a spokesman for the left," one analyst commented. "He said Gorbachev, who has skillfully steered a middle path to avoid alienating party conservatives," was expected to see Yeltsin to voice more radical views.

Analysts expect Yeltsin to be given the floor at the party conference. They say other strong backers of reform are also expected to get priority treatment as debates get under way.

Changes

A major unanswered question is whether the conference will enact leadership changes which could formalise Ligachev's shift of duties — or confirm him as solidly in the number two spot.

Under a precedent set before the party stopped holding regular conferences in 1941, up to one-fifth of the membership of the policy-making Central Com-

mittee could be changed.

But some analysts predict Gorbachev will wait to test the post-conference political waters before making any reshuffles.

In the meantime, Ligachev's status remains uncertain. Some signs, such as his arrival at a dinner hosted by US President Ronald Reagan just moments ahead of Gorbachev, point to his unchanged role as second-in-command.

He has also continued to sign obituaries and attend ideological functions in tandem with Yakovlev — tell-tale indicators used by Kremlin-watchers to scrutinise power shifts.

"Glasnost," Gorbachev's openness campaign, has not yet reached the upper spheres of the Soviet hierarchy, making such analysis a risky business.

But just as risky for Gorbachev, some analysts believe, would be any public move to discredit Ligachev ahead of the conference. This could spark a conservative backlash which would put spokes in the wheels of Kremlin reform.

By Kathy Cuddihy

THIS column may not produce any written correspondence (at least, none that my editor tells me about) but it definitely generates a volume of verbal comments and queries. Since certain questions get asked again and again, I thought it might be worthwhile to answer them in writing and satisfy the possible curiosity of other readers.

One of the most persistent questions inevitably comes accompanied by a shocked expression and an awed voice. "Is what you write the honest-to-goodness truth? Do those things really happen in your house, and in your life?"

Without a moment's hesitation, I can answer an unequivocal "Yes" — not with enthusiasm, but certainly with honesty — and resignation. While I occasionally embellish the events, or resort to a little poetic license, each column article has been based on incredible but actual reality.

My family's impressions, gathered in an independent survey, support the accuracy of my response. My children say that life in our family is a constant enactment of TV's *Cosby* Show. The only difference is that we haven't won the Best Series award yet. My husband, however, feels that our existence is more like an ongoing episode of *Mystery Theatre*. He never knows what to expect and is terrified to anticipate... just in case he's right. The quickest way to wipe a smile off his face is to greet him with the phrase, "Guess what?"

The query, "Where do you get all your ideas?" is easily answered if you've read the previous paragraph properly. To elaborate further, a week

Since you asked ...



spent in the company of my hyperactive, highly imaginative, mischievous son provides me with enough copy for several months of columns. Nevertheless, apart from this rather unique source of inspiration, and despite the snide comments of my family, I refuse to believe that our home situation is radically unlike that of anyone else's. Perhaps we just react to daily ups and downs in a slightly less conventional manner. Heaven knows I try to react normally. I yell and scream and stomp my feet but my family doesn't respect these emotions in me. They think I'm only trying to entertain them and they respond accordingly, with boos, laughter or mock sympathy. On a "good" day they might

even throw coins. What choice do I have but to observe life in different light, especially when all the Lights of my Life are decidedly ... different.

One of the most sensitive questions I receive is "Do your husband and children ever get angry or embarrassed at what you write about them?" Absolutely. Sometimes they yell and scream and stomp their feet but I just laugh at them (I'm too cheap to throw coins). I can usually keep everyone in line by threatening them with the phrase, "Could this be fodder for the column? Will we all be reading about this in next week's column?"

To my son's credit, after enduring the dubious prestige of having his name and naughtiness relentlessly

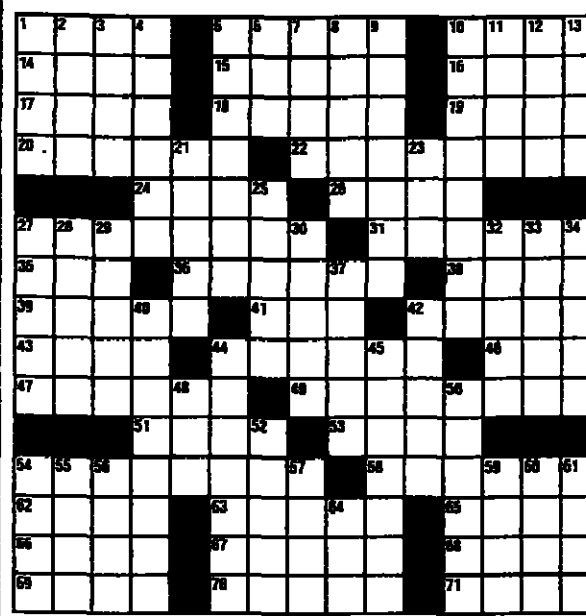
printed in the press, the little fellow has become fairly immune to the "publicity". He only asks me not to reveal any of his successful school pranks just in case his teacher should happen to read the column. Being a good mother who is not above some healthy blackmail, I cooperate on that score ... for a price.

My husband, poor man, is a different kettle of fish. He's not quite so adaptable. Being in a managerial position, he insists he has a reputation to maintain. "Looking human" doesn't fit in with the type of image he wishes to portray. Nevertheless, for the most part he's tolerant and good-humoured about his unavoidable celebrity ... but that's probably because, in the interests of keeping his blood pressure at a controllable level, he refuses to read most of the column articles.

As well as queries, there are occasional comments. Some come from frantic victims who recognise their faults and follies and want to know if they are really like that. Other remarks come from gleeful wives who confirm that I've illustrated their husbands' faults and follies (using my own husband as the "fall guy") with uncanny accuracy. One or two men of a more chauvinistic ilk have been known to mutter frosty phrases which plainly indicate that they, on behalf of manhood in general, are not amused at the gentle pokes I make at their expense.

One friend, living in another part of the country, wrote the following comment: "There's no need to ask what's happening in your family. We keep up to date by reading the newspaper every week. We particularly enjoy the theme of low cunning overcoming high ideals."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Worked as a blacksmith
 - Flower essence
 - Exclamations
 - Way to record
 - Low-lying area
 - Press
 - Spoken
 - Marine growth
 - Gaelic
 - Hold fast
 - Remain motionless
 - Does handwork
 - Type of jacket or collar
 - Components
 - Authoritative decrees
 - "— poetica"
 - Pastry choice
 - code
 - Catchers' gear
 - Part of RPM
 - Skirt detail
 - Philippine knife
 - Sense of taste
 - Wind dir.
 - Colorfulness
 - Stretched out
 - Matterhorn et al.
 - Painting on metal
 - Of pollen bearing parts
 - Church official
 - Coin in the
- DOWN**
- Greek portico
 - Fast's partner
 - Colorful swimmer
 - Strike out
 - Austere one
 - Word with fisted or handed
 - Salts
 - Winged
 - Narrator
 - Happening every two years
 - Irish exclamation
 - Party giver
 - Slack-or—
 - Appraisals
 - Area or Mars
 - Historic Alabama city
 - Brazilian dance
 - Hunter of myth
- Travi Fountain**
- Like Harvard's walls
 - Priest from Lhasa
 - Over again
 - New Hampshire city
 - Three-spotted card
 - Pursue
 - Shakespearean forest
 - Coop dwellers
- Carpet fiber**
- Cruises
 - Angler's need
 - Do a hair-dressing job
 - Filled to repletion
 - Not suitable
 - Early American weapon
 - Norman
 - Vincent —
 - Colorful seasoning
 - Walked upon
 - Martini, e.g.
 - Accumulated assets
 - Economizer
 - Word of woe
 - Number of Pirates or Padres
 - Corner
 - Song, to Schubert
 - Part of TLC
 - Portant
 - Negatives
 - See 46 Across

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

FIND THE RIGHT DISTRIBUTION

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♠ A 8 6

♥ K 6 5

♦ 10 9 8 4

♣ A J 4

EAST

♠ J 10 9 7

♥ Q 10 9 4

♦ J 7 6 2

♣ K 7 5

SOUTH

♠ K 5 4 3

♥ A J 8 7 3

♦ A K 3

♣ 6

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass

3 ♣ Pass 4 ♥ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♣

Of the original 10 Life Masters

named by the American Contract

Bridge League, only two survive,

and they have homophonic last

names. They are Richard L. Frey,

No. 8, and Sam Fry, Jr. No. 10.

Although he turned 83 two

months ago, Frey, who is chairman

of the Goren Editorial Board, still

retains much of the skill that made

him one of the most successful play-

ers in action from a rubber bridge game

played at his winter retreat in Palm

Beach.

When his partner made a forcing

jump raise of his one heart opening,

Frey made a three-spade slam try on

the South cards. With his flat mini-

mum, North was having none of

that.

After the diamond opening lead,

declarer was happy with his con-

tract, despite the mildly disappoint-

ing dummy that appeared. That is,

until he captured East's queen of

diamonds with the king and cashed

the king and ace of trumps, to find

that he had two trump losers to go

with an apparent spade and dia-

mond loser.

There was one chance. If West's

distribution was exactly 2-4-4-3,

the contract could still be brought

home. Declarer continued with ace

and another diamond. West won the

jack, but dummy's ten was now

established.

East shifted to a spade. Declarer

won in hand, crossed to the ace of

clubs and discarded a spade on the

high diamond. A club ruff was fol-

lowed by a spade to the ace and

another club ruff. Frey had tele-

scoped his spade and trump loser

into one, and scored 10 tricks via

two spades, two top hearts, two

ruffs, three diamonds and a club.



Rising rents cut into profits

Savile Row tailors tighten belts

By Deborah Telford

LONDON. (Reuters) Savile Row, for years the centre of exclusive men's tailoring, is worried about losing its ground as the world centre of upmarket, understated elegance.

Since 1835, some of England's finest master tailors have stationed themselves in Savile Row and its surrounding lanes in London's fashionable West End, shaping bespoke suits to fit the eccentric, the rich and the famous.

Napoleon III, Mikhail Gorbachev, Ringo Starr, Winston Churchill and the late British spy Guy Burgess are just a few of the diverse figures whose clothes have been made on the high-status street.

The Japanese noun for suit is simply "Savile Row," a measure of the sartorial dash it cuts across foreign fashion lines.

But the craftsmen whose burgeoning businesses once edged London's doctors out of the area and into Harley Street fear changes last year to commercial property legislation will force them to scatter across the British capital — and London would lose its pull as one of the few cities in the world where fine tailors are located in a single centre.

This year's centenary celebrations of the Federation of Merchant Tailors are also tempered by worries about the rise of the pound against the dollar, which is depressing US sales.

Although the Savile Row suit deliberately spells well-bred Englishness, most customers are foreigners these days.

Of the merchant tailors' 27 million pound (50 million dollar) sales last year, 18 million pounds (34 million dollars) came from overseas, 15 million pounds (28 million dollars) of that from the United States.

As sterling has risen so has the US price of ordering a bespoke suit from a London tailor. Federation president Robert Bright estimates that in the first three months of this year US sales fell by nearly a fifth.

It takes more than 40 measurements, 50 hours and 90 steps to make a suit which can cost anything between 500 and 1,200 pounds (950 and 2,300 dollars).

The Federation's vice-president, Leonard Logsdail,



Savile Row, London has been the traditional centre for exclusive men's tailoring since 1835. Now property reforms could quadruple rents and local taxes may force the tailoring establishments to disperse.

said it took about five years to train tailors before they could make a garment on their own.

"When a new client comes in, from the time they walk through the door we try to act as though we've known them forever and will know them forever."

"Because they're spending a lot of money, we spend a lot of time with them," Logsdail said.

Abolished

His and many other large tailoring companies make regular sales trips to the United States, working out of hotel rooms where they measure customers and take orders.

Along with Englishmen whose families have had the same tailor for generations, some foreigners prefer to visit the Savile Row area in person.

But property reforms last year abolished the "light industrial space" category which covered the Savile Row area, and the tailors' premises are now classified as "office space" — a change which could

quadruple rents and local taxes when their leases come up for renewal.

Logsdail said rents are usually renewed in periods of between five and twelve years.

"No one has been forced out of the Savile Row area yet, but I think you will start to see the effects of the changes within the next four or five years."

He said smaller firms might have to amalgamate to cut their rent bills and larger companies could rent part of their premises to individual tailors.

The property changes also mean the tailors' premises could be redeveloped into office space, which is at a premium in central London.

Ironically, Logsdail said the development of the financial services sector in the mid-1980s boosted the tailoring business which has been slowly declining since the advent of ready-to-wear fashion in the 1920s.

Logsdail said several small workshops in London's Soho area which manufacture for Savile Row tailors have already

had to close because of redevelopment.

"We sent a delegation to urge (Environment Secretary) Nicholas Ridley not to bring in the new property legislation, but he was quite rude."

"He said something like 'Why can't you be the same price as the Hong Kong tailors where I buy my suits,'" Logsdail said.

Angus Cundey, whose tailoring company Henry Poole and Co. was the first on Savile Row, said London tailoring would lose its unique appeal if the craftsmen were forced out of the area.

"Our whole existence here started through the need for a tailor to be near his customer. This is still so today. The large important hotels nearby like Claridges all feed us with customers," Cundey said.

"There are many, many Americans who have seen Buckingham Palace, they've seen the Tower of London and yet they still come here, specifically to get their Savile Row suit and to take their wife to the London theatre," Cundey said.

Warrants

Cundey lounged in an old leather chair in his stately shop reception area, circled by 36 warrants of appointment, including man from the old courts of Europe. One was from 19th century French Emperor Napoleon III, another from the former Prince of Wales who later became King Edward VII.

"He and Napoleon between the two of them gave us no end of customers," Cundey said.

As he chatted about the almost sacred relationship between a tailor and his client, British actor Rex Harrison browsed about the shop.

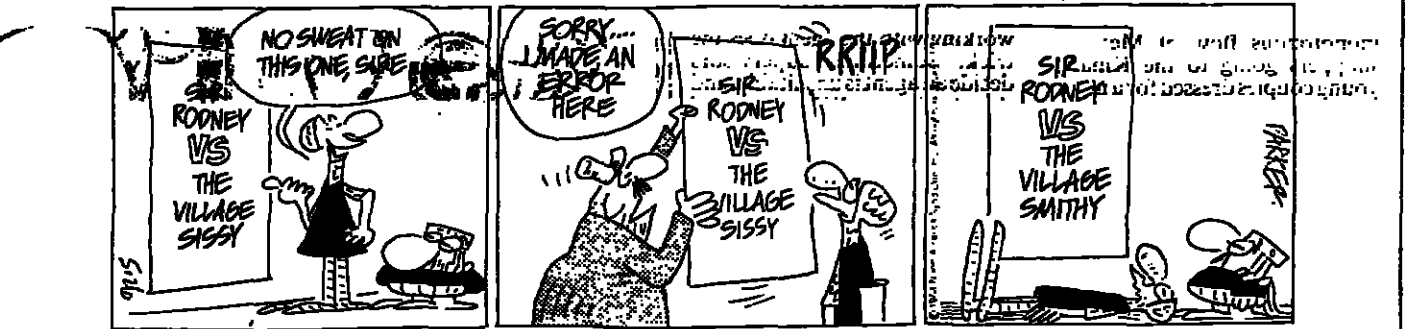
"Unless I have their permission, I do not mention any living customer, and anything that's told to us by a customer we treat as full confidence, until we know in fact that they have died."

Glancing up at the high walls of his shop and scanning lengths of finest Huddersfield wool adorning the shelves, Cundey sighed:

"Undoubtedly premises like this could be turned into a very nice office for a stock broker or a chartered accountant. People who in a small square footage could generate far more wealth than a poor tailor."

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Today the influence of the Moon will tend to make you a little more nervous. Read a letter again before you send it off — you may wish to change your mind. A good opportunity could easily be missed. Be alert.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

A private matter should not be allowed to take a back seat. You should try not to let others take advantage of you. You should not spend too much time thinking about what you ought to have done. Be respectful.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have a good idea but the time may not be quite right for it. You will be better able to take the initiative. You should not depart too much from what is conventional. Be more affectionate.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

The Moon's influence will tend to make you more intuitive but you should still trust more to reason. You are all too liable to be caught off your guard. Make sure you do not take your eyes off the road. Be sensible.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You will tend to tire rather easily and should conserve your energies. Jupiter's influence will help you to organize things better. You should not allow yourself to be tormented by doubts about what you should have done. Be more courteous.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will be able to make good progress with a project on which you are engaged. You should beware of making promises which you would find onerous. You would do well to make sure you have your facts right. Be considerate.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You should avoid doing anything that would be considered impolite or downright improper. You will have to do your best to keep out of an argument. Make sure you do not eat or drink more than you know you should. Be tactful.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should try to avoid becoming involved in what does not really concern you. Pay a little more attention to a personal matter. You should not underestimate the difficulties but face up to them. Be more reliable.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

WILDLIFE

Peaceful and exotic creatures under threat

Conserving the lemurs of Madagascar

By Nancy Herndon

DURHAM, N.C.: For 165 million years after the island of Madagascar tore loose from the African continent, creatures living there evolved in isolation from the larger world. Birds, plants, and animals that were eliminated by competition elsewhere flourished in the forests. Gentle, primitive lemurs were the only primates to emerge.

Today, two-thirds of the rain forest has been cleared for pasture land and fuel. With their habitat gone, these creatures, found nowhere else on earth, are disappearing. Scientists believe that if present trends continue, many of the 40 known subspecies of lemurs on Madagascar, the world's fourth-largest island, will be extinct by the year 2000.

But man can protect as well as destroy. Scientific curiosity, economic incentives, and man's sense of affinity with all life have joined to protect the future of Madagascar's treasures.

Madagascar, about twice the size of Arizona, now has 11 nature reserves. With help from the Duke University Primate Centre in Durham, N.C., and the World Wildlife Fund it is establishing its third national park. Officials hope that the preserves can attract foreign visitors and generate income for the country.

"Our first priority is to save what is left of the habitat - to establish the parks on Madagascar," says Elwyn Simons, a paleontologist and the director of the Duke primate centre. This year the centre signed an accord with the island government for a joint programme of conservation, education, and research to

help prevent extinction of the lemurs.

Hunting and logging are still widespread in the preserves, and game wardens lack funds and vehicles to combat the pressures of an expanding population. Eighty per cent of Madagascar's 10 million people live by hunting and farming. Many do not know that lemurs and other creatures are unique to the island.

As a "second line of defence," the Duke primate centre has bred the world's largest colony of lemurs in captivity. Scientists hope that someday they may be able to release the captive-bred animals safely in their natural home.

With their primitive and sometimes disturbing resemblance to man, lemurs inspire a range of responses from man. Their apposable thumbs (similar to man's), gripping hands, and fingernails look uncannily human.

On Madagascar, the erect and child-size Western sifaka lemurs are protected by the local belief that they are "men of the forest." But the nocturnal aye-aye lemurs are feared as an omen of death and often are killed on sight.

Apart from their historical significance, lemurs fascinate scientists with their diversity. On Madagascar, they have evolved into 13 genera, 26 species, and 40 known subspecies. The smallest, the mouse lemur, is the size of a newborn kitten. The indri is about the size of a three-year-old child. Some species are nocturnal and other diurnal, some arboreal and others terrestrial, some vegetarian and others omnivorous.

Lemurs are also noted for their generally gentle



A Western Sifaka lemur in a forest enclosure at the Duke University Primate Centre, in the USA.

behaviour, "their calm attitude about life," says Pat Wright, an anthropologist who is associated with the Duke centre. "Sometimes I think it would do us all good to sit and watch a bamboo lemur for a while," says Dr Wright, who

has spent many seasons in the Madagascar forest watching groups of lemurs peacefully munching bamboo.

Since 1972 the Duke primate centre has been the only US group permitted by the Madagascar government to

take lemurs from their natural habitat. The centre is able to breed lemurs much faster than they would naturally reproduce in the arduous conditions of the wild. About 90 per cent of the 537 lemurs at the primate centre were born in the last 17 years.

Research

All the centre's research is benign, designed to monitor the behaviour, health, and reproductive cycles of the captive animals and learn their needs.

"We only ... do things you might do for your own children," says Dr Simons, adding that most of the scientists who work with the lemurs "feel they are very beautiful and very gentle and vulnerable because they are so endangered."

When a new lemur is brought to the centre, it is kept indoors and carefully watched for its tastes and preferences. Its choice of foods includes bamboo grown in the North Carolina forest, mango, mimosa, sumac, and tropical fruits. Walls of the indoor enclosures are painted deep green and crisscrossed with branches and kudzu vines.

Outdoors, ringtailed and ruffed lemurs live in four natural habitat enclosures of one to 12 acres. Here scientists monitor how closely the behaviour of captive-born animals resembles that of those born in the wild.

Unlike chimpanzees, which have to be taught basic skills when returned to wild, lemurs act in largely instinctive ways, says Kay Izard, a reproductive psychologist. Even captive-born lemurs find as many as 20 types of plants they can eat in the North Carolina forest. They avoid poisonous plants



Feeding time for ring-tailed lemurs.

and give proper warning calls for ground predators and birds of prey. After acclimatization, they could adapt to a free life in Madagascar, Dr Izard believes.

To make that return possible, scientists from the Duke primate centre are helping to plan education programmes for the island's schoolchildren and setting up a captive-breeding programme in a zoo on the island. Pat Wright is working with villages to develop alternatives to logging and hunting

in the forests.

"The government of Madagascar is well aware now of the importance of their wildlife," says anthropologist Wright, who believes that the day will come when lemurs can be returned to their natural home. Then the peaceful and exotic creatures will again lounge in tops of 65-foot bamboo and warm themselves in the bright Madagascar sun.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Training school for elephants!

By David Storey

PANG-LA, Thailand. (Reuters): Elephants may never forget but they can make awful students.

Take, for example, Phang Chantad, a hefty 30-year-old and mother of one who has worked in Thailand's teak forests for much of her life.

She has been on a refresher course at the young elephant training centre in northern Thailand for more than a year and still earns a sharp crack on the head from her mahout for stubbornness in class.

Phang Chantad is one of 43 male and female elephants on the Pang-la logging courses. They go from elementary familiarisation with a mahout, or handler, through intermediate dragging and pushing to advanced carrying and piling.

One of Thailand's two main elephant schools, Pang-la turns out graduates to work in the fast-widening forests, using their huge strength to clear valuable teak and eucalyptus logs.

Phang Chantad knows very well what she's supposed to do: said chief trainer Nual Chaikamleu, who spent may of his 56 years squatting on an Elephant's neck as a mahout.

But she ignores commands. When she has to start work she tries to run away. She is lazy. It's because her previous mahout never imposed enough discipline when she was young," Nual said.

Other elephants are model pupils, rarely deserving a smack on the skull with a mahout's khor, a wooden baton with a butcher's hook at one end. Most of the animals quickly master the 10 key commands barked out in the local dialect of this northern district.

A one-year course is the minimum. Classes start for frisky tots of four, still with tufts of downy hair on their head.

Nual confirmed from his own experiences the legendary memory of an elephant, which is generally a gentle giant although it has no obvious capacity for genius.

Elephants are easy to teach. Every one I have trained remembers me. They remember everyone's smell," he said. Thai elephants have a reputation, like the Thai people, for calmness. Many are sent to neighbouring Malaysia where their equable spirit helps to relax their more excitable cousins.

But even they are apt to lose control when males are overcome by sexual urges once a year.

"When they are eager for sex they get very serious indeed," said Nual. Last year, a normally quite placid male killed its mahout at Pang-la when it became fired up in pursuit of a mate.

Although there is still a role for the elephant in logging, the elimination of almost half of Thailand's thick forests in the last 25 years has reduced the demand for their skills.

While there were about 12,000 working elephants 10 years ago, Nual reckoned there were now about 10,000. In fast-shrinking forest land, the elephant's appetite for about 250 kg (550 pounds) of vegetation a day can prove an environmental hazard in itself.

Many forests are now designated conservation areas and the reduction in logging has led to unemployment among some elephants, even in the prime of their working life.

Several dozen enterprising owners have taken their elephants to Bangkok, where the four-ton beasts lumber around the busy streets, and, for a fee, pause to perform tricks or allow people to walk under their belly, a good-luck act.

The elephant has always had a sacred place in Thai culture. A man's rank was gauged by the number he owned and even today no big state occasion is complete without them.

Many of those honing their skills among the cliffs and lush forests of Pang-la are preparing to star, suitably enrobed, in ceremonies in Bangkok for the King's 60th birthday.

'Extinct' bird found on Pacific island

By Harro H. Mueller

CHATHAM Islands: Searchlights stab the windswept night over one of the world's loneliest groups of islands, hunting for a bird that is on international lists of endangered species.

The bird is the taiko, one of the rarest forms of petrels in the world. For a century it was thought extinct until specimens were once again found on these storm-tossed islands 800 kilometres southeast of and part of New Zealand.

Petrels live over the oceans, feeding on squid and fish. They only need come ashore to breed, laying their eggs in the ground.

New Zealand naturalists have clubbed together in a project to find the breeding grounds of the taiko, so that they can be protected from the ravages of wild cats, boars, rats and opossums - foreign animals given a foothold here last century by man.

Suddenly a shadow flaps through the searchlight beam and excitement breaks out in our camp flanking the Tuku Valley. Sudden faces perk up and extra batteries of lights power on, combing the low, billowing clouds for the unidentified flying object.

To no avail. The taiko, if such it was, was too fast, too mobile to let itself be dazzled by the lights. The waiting team mumbled: "Contact lost" into their CB radio to the other camps.

A camp on the south shore of the main island, two hours



On international lists of endangered species, the taiko lives over oceans, feeding on fish and coming ashore only to breed.

away by foot through the wilderness, was the first to pick up the incoming taiko. No miracle this. The taikos are kitted out with tiny radio transmitters clipped to their tail feathers.

"We've got a signal on frequency 206 point 4, weak. No, it's getting stronger, coming in from the southwest," crackles a voice in English out of the CB. Excitement breaks out anew.

"We've got a taiko petrel coming in, southwesterly direction, at approximately 110 degrees," comes another broad New Zealand accent, this time from the yacht Totororo cruising just offshore.

Seconds later it reports a new position on the bird, flying in to landfall from a day over the chilly southern Pacific.

A third post, on Mangere Island, comes on the air. They've got a trace on frequency 260.1. This is a taiko

invasion. Down at base camp, Geordie abandons cutting up a wild boar he has shot. Anne, tired out from a day of diving offshore for succulent crayfish, is shaken awake in her sleeping bag.

Two men are already pushing their way through the giant ferns to Murphy's Hill looking for where an incoming taiko has landed. A telemetry station at the base camp is busy processing the signals and getting a bearing on the landing site.

Telemetry is the science of picking up data by radio. The whole operation depends on 10 transmitters attached to birds in October, in the New Zealand springtime. The birds were brought down by catching them in the searchlights, which sometimes disorient them.

Days of waiting, of hopes, of disappointment pass. Then

word goes out that our top man, Mike, still hasn't come back. Mike is a veteran of expeditions into the bush of this bleak island.

At two in the morning, a voice comes out of the radio. "This is Island 2," it says, the "at" of "Inland" drawn as New Zealanders do. "I've found a taiko burrow."

It is the first success after nine years and nine months of searching, after days of combing the steep, muddy sides of the upper Tuku Valley where the radio signals fixed the approximate site.

That is only the beginning of our work. Now the wildlife lovers have to shelter the bird from the animals that may prey on it.

Once the taiko bred in vast colonies. Hundreds of birds could be caught and cooked for feasts among the island's native Maoris. Today there are estimated to be just 70 taiko birds left.

This selfless service on behalf of a musky-smelling bird a little over 30 centimetres long is provided by rangers of the New Zealand Wildlife Service and dozens of volunteers from all walks of life.

Bank managers and sheep farmers, surveyors and engineers, factory owners and workers, they are men and women who know how to look after themselves out in the bush and on the water.

The "blokes" and "sheilas" feel just as at home with radios and electrical relays as they do with rifles and sails, machetes and cooking pots.

DPA Features

Malaysian crows become a menace

By Roger May

KLANG, Malaysia. (Reuters): The crows of Klang have worn out their welcome.

Originally imported to devour pests plaguing crops near this Malaysian port town, the birds became a plague themselves.

After several crow shoots which eliminated thousands of crows but brought protests from citizens, authorities resorted to traps.

Over 68,000 of the big-beaked, black birds have been enticed into traps and killed in the past 40 months, said Jacob Chacko, Klang's chief health inspector.

"We must keep trapping the crows since they keep multiplying," he said. Chacko said trapping had proved a more effective and less controversial way than shooting to control the town's crow problem, which dates from the beginning of this century.

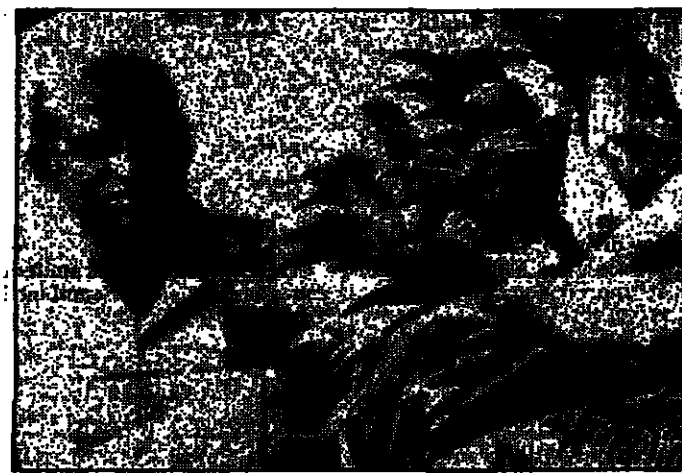
Trapping crows is a permanent feature here. It's the cheapest way of getting rid of them," he said.

The history of Klang's crows is one of the more bizarre examples of Britain's colonial legacy in the South-East Asian nation. Klang officials, concerned that pests were destroying the local coconut crop, brought in a consignment of crows from another British colony, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), where they had been feeding on the same pests with relish.

The crows also proved to be good scavengers and helped keep Klang clean.

But they multiplied prodigiously, ate other birds and when Klang improved its refuse collection they became an increasing nuisance to the town's inhabitants.

"You took your eyes off a piece of chicken for one second and a crow swooped down and pinched it," said Chacko.



Jacob Chacko, Klang's chief health inspector, surveys a row of crows caught in one of the city's 22 traps.

When a large bird dropping landed on the limousine of a local dignitary, action had to be taken and 10,000 crows fell out of the sky during Klang's first crow shoot in 1971.

Undeterred, the birds continued to reproduce and further shoots, in which scores of gunmen fired at the hapless creatures over two days, took place in 1985 and 1986.

Thousands of crows died but animal welfare groups and Klang residents complained.

"Participants shot non-stop in the town centre. There was too much noise," said Chacko, adding that dead crows were found on the streets several days after the shoots had ended.

In December, 1984, three traps were placed in the town. There are now 22, located mainly near hospitals and schools, which attract crows because of the large quantities of discarded food.

Traps

The traps are made of wire netting on a wooden frame and are around three metres long, two metres wide and two metres high.

A tray of breadcrumbs, rice or chicken innards donated by restaurants or hotels is placed at the bottom of the cages.

Unsuspecting crows, attracted by the prospect of a free meal, hop into the cages through a hole but cannot fly out since the gap is smaller than their wing span.

Chacko has four assistants

who each earn a basic monthly wage of 400 ringgit (80 dollars) by placing food and water in the cages and killing most of the crows within the trap every two days by slitting their throats with a knife.

The birds are taken to a municipal dumping ground and covered with lime and earth.

Muthusamy Suppan, one of Chacko's assistants, said pythons sometimes slither into the cages but then cannot escape because they become too fat after eating crows. The snakes are sold to local Chinese, who regard them as a delicacy.

"I don't enjoy killing crows but it's my job," Muthusamy said above the noise of more than 30 crows caught in one of the town's most productive traps next to an abandoned abattoir.

Klang's 220,000 residents seem to approve of the traps.

"Crow shoots were fun initially but they became quite dangerous. Gun pellets sometimes dropped onto our houses," said Lee Mon Kim, who works in an electrical goods shop.

"There was no way of controlling the crows before. Traps are necessary," he said.

Chacko takes credit for the success in trapping Klang's gregarious crows. When empty traps were first placed in Klang, few birds were caught. Chacko observed that crows who picked at the remains of his dogs' meals waited for one bird to swoop before arriving en masse.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By Dr Allan Bruckheim

QUESTION: I am losing my hair very rapidly these days. I am young and I don't want to buy hairpieces or have implants. I have heard there is a new medication used to prevent baldness. Can it help me?

ANSWER: Back in the early 1980s a drug used for the control of severe high blood pressure was found to have, as a side effect, the increase of hair growth on the face and ears and in some people the reversal of male pattern baldness. How this drug (it's called minoxidil) works remain a mystery but it is believed to aid in hair growth by increasing blood flow to the scalp and thereby stimulating new hair development. While initial excitement led to great interest in the further pursuit of this side effect, it did not significantly alter baldness in all patients. The drug does seem to work best when applied directly to the scalp and in those with small areas where hair loss has occurred recently. Hair growth reaches its maximum rate during the first year of use but is considerably less in subsequent years and seems to cease soon after stopping the medication. In order to sustain its effect it must therefore be used indefinitely, and the long-term effects of its use are not known. The cost is about \$40 per

MINOXIDIL MAY REVERSE MALE PATTERN BALDNESS

month. In a young person with your history it may very well offer you some hope.

QUESTION: I'm frightened and confused by all the talk and all I read. Please tell me, is every breast lump a cancer?

ANSWER: Absolutely not! But you must suspect every breast lump to be cancerous until diagnosed as something else, so that no problems are overlooked and allowed to progress without proper attention. Remember that breast cancer strikes one out of 10 women in this country. If you have a family history of the disease, you must be particularly watchful. Having no family history of breast cancer, however, doesn't let you off the hook. Eighty-five per cent of the women ages 35 to 50 who have breast cancer have no family history of the disease. Take the aggressive route by doing monthly breast self-examination, and report any changes to your doctor. With your doctor's help, the problem can be fully evaluated.

About half the women of child-bearing age have lumpy, bumpy breasts. The lumps can be caused by a variety of conditions, but the most common is sometimes called "fibrocystic disease." This term is being used less and less because the condition is a

normal one and many feel it is inaccurate to characterise it as a "disease." Instead, the lumps and thickenings are the breast tissue's normal response to the body's monthly hormonal fluctuations. This may continue after menopause if hormonal replacement is used.

There is no proof that women with fibrocystic breasts are more prone to cancer! However, the danger is that they may have a cancerous lump that goes undetected. Women with difficult-to-examine breasts may avoid the important monthly task of breast self-examination, because they are confused about what they are feeling. This is understandable, but it's not smart. Examine your breasts the same day of your cycle each month, after your period. If you don't know how to perform the exam properly, call the American Cancer Society or your doctor's office. The key is doing regular, thorough examinations so that you know your breast tissue and will identify changes in it. The new, low-dose mammograms are also excellent ways to diagnose breast cancer in its earliest, most treatable stages.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON

(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	200/0
ABBEY LFE	328/0	JAGUAR	267/0
ADT LTD	126/0	LADROCK	435/0
ALD LYONS	426/0	LAND SECS	599/0
AMSTRAD	203/0	LAPORTE	425/0
ARGYLL GP	195/0	LASMO	57/00
ASDA GP	155/0	LEGAL+GEN	293/0
BAA	284/0	LONRHO	243/0
BTR	275/0	LUCAS IND	533/0
BAT INDS	437/0	MAGNET	250/0
BARCLAYS	414/0	MARKS+SP	176/0
BASS	814/0	MAXWELL C	230/0
BEECHER	186/0	METAL BOX	217/0
BEECHAM	477/0	NEPC	558/0
BERTISFORD	335/0	NIDLAND BK	438/0
BICC PLC	325/0	NEXT	268/0
BLUE ARROW	117/0	NTH FOODS	294/0
BLUE CIRC	423/0	P & O DFD	605/0
BOC GP	415/0	PEARL	521/4
BOOTS CO	228/0	PEARSON	705/0
BPB INDS	291/0	PILKINGTON	216/0
BR COMB	267/0	PLESSEY	158/0
BR AIRWAY	354/0	PRUDENTIAL	163/0
BR AEROSP	197/0	RACAL	13/50
BR GAS RG	177/0	RANK HVS	378/0
B.P.	270/0	RANK ORG	725/0
B.P. NEW	245/0	RCKT+CO	910/0
BR TELCOM	715/0	REDLAND	423/0
BRITOL	515/0	REDL	409/0
BUNEL	148/0	RFL BK SC	370/0
BURMAN OL	234/0	RMC GP	492/0
BURTON	365/0	REUTERS	536/0
CABLESWIR	414/0	RITZ CORP	438/0
CADBURYS	234/0	ROLLS ROY	126/0
COATS VTY	398/0	ROTHMAN B	429/0
COMB INDS	404/0	ROUWREE	060/0
COOKSON	275/0	ROYAL INS	415/0
COURTAUD	366/0	SATCHI	422/0
DALGETY	330/0	SAINSBURY	224/5
DEE CP	192/0	SCOT+NEW	324/0
DIXONS	191/0	SEARS	120/0
EXCH CHINA	438/0	SEGEVICK	236/5
ENTER OIL	455/0	SHELL	075/0
F&I BACK	79/50	SMITH IND	250/4
FERRANTI	79/50	SMITH+NEPH	120/0
GEN ACCID	940/0	STC	273/0
GEN ELEC	149/0	STORESH	250/0
GLAXO	970/0	SUN ALLIA	438/0
GRADARA	330/0	TABAC	827/0
GLOBE	140/0	TATE+LYLE	750/0
GLYNED	447/0	TESCO	155/0
GRAND MET	932/0	THORN EMI	661/0
GUARD RYL	932/0	TRAF HSE	319/0
GKN	319/0	TSS	107/0
GUINNESS	338/0	T + N	176/0
HMWERS A	632/0	TRUSTHEE	244/0
HANSON	138/0	ULTRAMAR	290/0
HAKER SID	508/0	UNILEVER	484/0
HILLSDOWN	280/0	UNIGATE	334/0
ICI	060/0	UTD BISC	304/0
ICI	198/0	UTD WMSR	425/0
		WELLCOME	550/0
		WITBPP IN	310/0
		WILLIAMS	300/0
		WILLIS FB	273/0
		WINPEY GE	251/0
		WOOLWORTH	292/0

LONDON

(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
1ST CHARL	12/4	13/0
2ND ALICE	714/0	712/0
A.B.ELECT	414/0	411/0
A.S.W NEW	160/0	161/0
AAH HLD	271/0	271/0
AARONSON	116/0	117/0
ACRE OIL	219/0	219/0
ADDISON	40/0	40/0
ALEX TRST	358/0	358/0
ALEX MKM	185/0	185/0
ALEXON	397/0	397/0
ALD COLL	130/0	130/0
ALLD PLNT	52/0	53/0
ALLIANCE	798/0	800/0
AMARI	248/0	250/0
ANEC	391/0	391/0
ANER TRST	122/0	123/0
ANERSHAM	451/0	451/0
APL HLYHC	259/0	260/0
APL HLYHC	210/0	211/0
APRIYARD	439/0	440/0
APRICOT	105/0	106/0
APV PLC	114/0	114/0
AQUAS.A.	85/0	85/0
ARAH ENGY	536/0	536/0
ARCHER AJ	153/0	153/0
ARLINGTON	202/0	203/0
ARSTRONG	135/0	135/0
ASHLEY.LA	126/0	126/0
ATWOODS	311/0	311/0
AUS REE A	278/0	279/0
AUST REED	380/0	380/0
B. WENHILL	165/0	165/0
BAILL JAP	496/0	496/0
BANK IRE	208/0	208/0
BANKER IT	68/4	69/0
BARKER DO	140/0	139/0
BARRY DEV	182/0	183/0
BAYES C.	28/0	28/0
BEJAM GP	170/0	169/0
BEJAM GP	170/0	169/0
BENLICK RD	58/0	59/0
BENTLICK	187/0	186/0
BERKELEY	358/0	357/0
BHAM MINT	193/0	193/0
BHN GROUP	117/0	117/0
BIRNGL Q	401/0	401/0
BK OF SCO	383/0	382/0
BLACKWOOD	52/4	53/0
BLCK LE 2	19/4	19/4
BONNET +F	36/0	36/0
BOOSE HAS	275/0	270/0
BODDINGTH	153/0	153/0
BOOTH SHIP	635/0	635/0
BOOKER	397/0	395/0
BORTHWICK	62/0	62/0
BOUATRE	381/0	381/0
BOUATRE	158/0	159/0
BR ASSETS	66/0	65/0
BR DREDG	158/0	158/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1482.7	1458.6	1468.2	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	1035.6	1035.6	1037.8	984.4
FT ALL SHR	950.57	950.57	955.97	870.22
FT GOV SEC	89.80	89.80	89.89	91.03
FT GOLD MC	217.2	217.2	228.6	237.3
FT MINES F	531.53	531.53	551.65	432.96
FT OIL	1847.9	1847.9	1871.1	1663.6
FT VALD DLR	132.11	132.15	132.04	128.44
FT MLD STG	107.82	107.82	107.85	101.83
FT MLD LOC	116.18	116.05	116.10	99.08

London Stock Market Report

LONDON SHARES BOOSTED BY U.S. TRADE FIGURES
LONDON, JUNE 14, REUTER - SHARES RECEIVED A STRONG BOOST FROM BETTER THAN EXPECTED U.S. APRIL TRADE FIGURES AND WERE CARRIED TO THEIR HIGHS IN AFTERNOON TRADING IN RESPONSE TO THE SHARPLY HIGHER WALL STREET SHOWING ON THE FIGURES, DEALERS SAID.
U.K. SHARE ANALYSTS SAID THE FALL IN THE U.S. APRIL ADJUSTED TRADE DEFICIT TO 9.89 BILLION DLRS FROM 11.7 BILLION REVEALED IN MARCH WAS FAR BELOW THE 12 BILLION TO 13 BILLION DLR DEFICIT ANTICIPATED BY MARKETS HERE.
BY 1425 GMT THE FTSE 100 INDEX WAS TRADING 19.5 POINTS HIGHER AT 1,482.7 AND LOOKING SET TO CLOSE ABOVE THE 1,450 LEVEL FOR ONLY THE SECOND TIME SINCE THE OCTOBER 1987 SHARE CRASH.
NICHOLAS KNIGHT, ANALYST AT BROKERS JAMES CAPEL, SAID THE TRADE FIGURES WERE "UNUSUALLY GOOD NEWS ON THE U.S. ECONOMY AND FORECAST THAT THE DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE COULD WELL HEAD UP TO 2,150 POINTS VERY SOON, LIFTING THE FTSE WITH IT."
A NUMBER OF ANALYSTS SAID THE MAIN POSITIVE FACTOR IN THE FIGURES WAS THE 6.4 PCT FALL IN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED U.S. APRIL IMPORTS TO 36.11 BILLION DLRS.
COUNTY NATHAN'S DUNCAN SQUIRES SAID WHILE IT WAS ALWAYS POSSIBLE IMPORTS WOULD RISE AGAIN, TODAY'S DATA GAVE EVIDENCE THE U.S. TRADE GAP WAS TENDING TO NARROW. WORRIES ABOUT THE BUDGET AND TRADE DEFICITS HELPED TRIGGER THE 1987 CRASH.

London Gold

LONDON, JUNE 14, REUTER - GOLD JULIEN CAME UNDER PRESSURE FROM SOME U.S. BASED FUND SELLING FOLLOWING A MUCH LOWER THAN ANTICIPATED U.S. APRIL TRADE DEFICIT AND HAD AN AFTERNOON FIX OF 4.6-5.0 DLRS AN OUNCE, ITS LOWEST SETTING FOR FIVE WEEKS.
THE METAL HAD EARLIER BEEN FIXED AT 450.50 DLRS AND HAD A CLOSING RANGE ON MONDAY OF 449.20/449.70.
ALL THE PRECIOUS METALS INITIALLY HELD UP WELL FOLLOWING NEWS OF THE SMALL DEFICIT, WITH SILVER AND PLATINUM EVEN EDGING UP SLIGHTLY, A PERFORMANCE ONE TRADER DESCRIBED AS "VERY IMPRESSIVE," BUT AS THE DOLLAR BEGAN TO EXTEND GAINS FURTHER IN EARLY AFTERNOON BUSINESS ALL THREE CAME UNDER PRESSURE.

London Money Market

LONDON, JUNE 14, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES ADDED TO THIS MORNING'S GAINS TO STAND AS MUCH AS 3/16 POINT FIRMER IN LATE TRADING, DEALERS SAID.
THIS FOLLOWED A MUCH SMALLER THAN EXPECTED U.S. TRADE DEFICIT FOR APRIL OF 9.89 BILLION DLRS WHICH COMPARED TO MARKET EXPECTATIONS OF A 12 TO 13 BILLION DLR SHORTFALL.
PREDICTABLY, THE DOLLAR MADE SHARP GAINS AND TOOK THE SPOTLIGHT AWAY FROM STERLING, THE POUND CONSEQUENTLY FELL BACK AND AT 1500 GMT HAD LOST 0.7 IN TRADE WEIGHTED TERMS TO STAND AT 76.4. THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTHS INTERBANK RATE WAS BID 3/16 POINT FIRMER AT 8-9/16 1/2 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
1.8145/55	1.7265/75	5.8250/00		
STG 1.8145/55		3.1295/1325	10.5620/5715	NOON
DMK 1.7211/7291	3.125/139		29.555/715	FIX
FFR 5.81775/2975	10.5615/5795	337.110/750		FIX
SFR 1.4410/4420	2.6163/6196	83.54/65	24.76/79	1300
NFL 1.9370	112.255	3.5165	33.26	FIX
ECU 1.20244	.662866	2.07866	7.01383	CLSE
SOR 1.36232	0.747501	2.34878	7.93620	CLSE
YEN 125.07/17	226.93/227.25			NOON
SOR RATE	13/06/1988	OTHERS	14/06/1988	

NEW YORK

(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCI CON	31/6	31/4
ATLANTIC R	84/6	84/4
AAR CORP	24/0	23/5
ABBOTT LAB	46/0	45/0
AETNA LIFE	44/5	44/6
ALBERTSONS	32/4	32/0
ALCAN ALUM	31/6	31/2
ALCO STAND	25/3	25/3
AM CYANAMID	51/3	49/6
AM ELET PH	28/3	28/2
AM NON PRO	76/0	75/6
AM NON PRO	79/5	79/7
AM STNARD	77/4	77/2
AM STORES	53/5	53/3
AM TEL-TEL	27/0	26/5
AMOCO CORP	78/6	78/2
AMP INC	49/0	48/4
AMPO PITT	0	13/6
AMR CORP	47/6	47/1
AMR GEN CO	30/6	30/4
AMERADA NE	28/5	28/5
ANTHEM ELE	0	13/5
APACHE CO	7/5	7/5
APACHE PET	2/6	2/7
ARMSTRONG	42/6	39/6
ASHLAND INC	70/4	70/4
ASIA PACIF	6/5	6/4
ATLS CORP	0	36/0
AVERY INT	23/0	23/0
AVNET INC	25/4	25/2
AVON PRODS	25/4	25/6
BCE INC	30/5	30/2
BELLSOUTH	43/3	42/6
BELO CO A	31/0	30/1
BETH STEEL	21/2	20/5
BEVERLY	5/5	5/6
BK BOSTON	27/5	27/5
BK BOSTN-A	0	49/2
BK N.Y.	33/5	33/4
BK TR-MY	37/0	36/3
BKAMERICA	11/1	11/1
BKAMER SPEC	6/5	6/5
BOEING CO	56/5	55/6
BOISE CASC	45/4	45/3
BORDEN	52/6	51/1
BOUATER	35/0	34/6
BR TELECOM	44/0	43/7
BRIGGS-STR	32/0	32/0
BRIST-MYER	42/0	41/4
BRUNSWICK	23/0	22/7
BURNEY CO	14/4	14/3
C 3 INC	11/2	11/2
CABOT CORP	37/6	37/4
CAESARS MO	27/0	26/6
CAL FREIGHT	23/5	23/2
CAS NAT GS	14/5	14/6
CASAT-DOCK	28/4	28/4
CATERPILL	65/0	64/4
CDX IND	28/3	28/1
CBS	161/4	160/5
CENTEL CP	47/7	47/6
CHAMP INTL	35/6	35/1
CHAMP SP-L	12/7	12/7
CHARTER CO	4/0	4/0
CHASE MAN	29/5	29/0
CHENED CP	32/6	33/0
CHENIC BIK	30/3	30/1
CHEVRON	51/0	51/0
CHRYSLER	25/0	24/4
CHUBB CORP	56/7	56/4
CHUR FR CH	6/3	6/2
CIGNA CORP	46/4	46/3
CIN MILACR	25/3	25/0
CIR CIT ST	30/0	30/2
CITICORP	14/6	14/5
CLARK EMU	34/2	34/0
CLOROX	30/0	30/0
COMBIL RES	1/0	1/0
COMTEL CP	25/5	25/6
COOPER CO	10/5	10/6
CORNING GL	55/0	54/4
CRANE	31/4	31/2
CRAY RES	85/2	84/0
CUNILLNET	8/5	8/4
DANIEL IND	0	8/0
DATAPONT	22/1	21/7
DAYTON HLD	5/4	5/3
DEC	35/2	35/1
DEERE CO	114/0	112/1
DELTA AIR	49/7	49/2
DIAMOND SH	51/6	51/0
DIEBOLD	14/4	14/5
DISNEY W	63/4	63/0
DOW CORP	69/0	69/0
DOW CHEM	88/6	87/1
DOW JONES	35/2	35/0
DRESSER IN	34/1	33/7
DREYFUS	28/2	28/0
DUKE POWER	46/6	46/4
DUN BRAD	51/6	50/6
DUPONT	88/2	87/2
DURHAM	14/6	14/6
DYNALCO	0	24/6
E SYSTEMS	29/4	29/2
EAGLE PICH	30/4	30/2
EASTERN G	25/1	25/0
EMERSON EL	32/2	31/4
ETHYL CP	22/7	22/5
EXON	46/3	45/7
FAM DOL ST	0	11/3
FED EXPRESS	44/2	44/1
FIELDCREST	18/1	18/2
FIN COR-AN	14	13
FLEETWOOD	23/5	23/2
FMC CORP	36/0	35/4
FORD MOTOR	52/0	51/3
FORT MONAR	38/2	38/0
FOXBORO CO	30/7	30/4
FRCHLD IND	10/4	10/4
FST BANK	21/3	21/1
FST BOSTON	32/2	31/6
FST CHICAG	29/2	29/2
FST INTERS	46/7	46/6
GAF CORP	48/7	48/5
GANNETT CO	33/3	33/0
GALVESTON	1/7	1/7
GATX CORP	47/7	47/7

GCA CP	0	5/2	MERRILL LY	25/5	25/3	SCOTTYS	13/6	13/6
GEARHART	12	12	MESA OFFSH	1/2	1/3	SE BANK CO	23/5	23/5
GEN DATA	3/3	3/2	MOBIL OIL	46/4	46/0	SEAGRAM CO	57/0	56/4
GEN DYWID	55/0	54/2	MONSANTO	86/0	85/0	SEAGULL EN	0	13/1
GEN ELECT	44/0	43/3	MONTANA PO	35/0	35/0	SEALED AIR	46/1	46/0
GEN HOST	11/6	11/5	MORGAN JP	38/0	37/6	SEARS ROE	36/3	36/3
GEN INSUR	8/0	8/0	MORT THIO	40/6	40/4	SERV CORP	19/4	19/3
GEN INSTR	39/2	38/4	MOTOROLA	0	50/5	SA STM PAC	18/4	18/5
GEN MILLS	48/1	47/7	MURPHY-MCLEN	54/4	54/1	SHRIM HUITT	20/1	19/7
GEN MOTORS	80/4	79/3	MURPHY OIL	35/1	34/2	SHELL TRAM	77/6	77/7
GEN SIGNAL	54/2	53/5	NAT INTERG	18/0	18/0	SHER PLOU	53/0	52/4
GENCORP	19/4	19/2	NBI CORP	4/4	4/4	SMITH INT	9/5	9/4
GENETECH	27/5	27/3	NCR CORP	66/6	66/0	SMITH BEC	54/5	54/0
GENUINE PA	38/6	37/7	NEW ENG EL	23/5	23/3	SNAP ON TL	44/1	44/3
GEO PMT-80	0	75/0	NEW PLA RE	14/2	14/2	SOURCE CAP	23/3	23/3
GEORGI-PAC	40/6	39/7	NEWELL CO	42/4	42/2	SOUTHERN	12/4	12/5
GIBR FI CL	3/2	3/2	NEWMONT MI	45/2	44/2	SPEERY	54/4	54/1
GLOBAL MAR	1/1	1/1	NEWMT GLD	47/6	48/7	SQUARE D	54/3	54/1
GOLDEN MUG	14/3	14/1	NI MON6-10	0	59/6	SQUIBB	64/6	64/0
GOLDRICH	54/0	53/5	NI MORT-72	0	75/4	STANLEY MO	68/0	68/0
GOODYEAR	66/4	65/6	NICOLET IN	13/1	13/2	STEVENS JP	59/2	58/6
GOULD INC	15/5	15/5	NICOR INC	29/7	29/7	SUM CO	56/2	56/0
GRACE MR	27/2	27/0	NI-LINDS	6/6	6/7	SUNSH MIN	4/2	4/2
GRAINGER	61/6	61/7	NORAB OFF	11/7	11/0	SUPER VAL	22/2	22/0
GREYHOUND	30/5	30/3	NORTH RESOU	0	59/4	SOUTHWEST	16/6	16/5
GRUMMAN	21/4	21/1	NORTHROP	29/4	29/4	SV GAS	20/4	20/3
GULF RES-C	0	13/2	NORTON	58/6	58/6	SW BELL	38/6	38/2
GULF-WESTN	43/4	43/2	NOVO IND	42/2	42/1	TANDY CORP	47/0	46/2
HALLIBURTN	32/7	32/7	NUCOR CORP	1/2	1/1	TDK	71/5	70/4
HALLWOOD	17/0	17/0	KAC IND	0	26/4	TECO ENRG	23/4	23/3
HANNA MIN	30/4	30/4	OC PETRCP	26/4	26/4	TEKTRONIX	26/2	26/2
HARRIS CP	29/6	29/5	OCC DRILL	18/7	18/7	TELETYPE	34/3	34/3
HARTWANG	26/6	26/4	ODGEN CORP	28/2	28/1	TELEX CORP	49/3	49/0
HECLA MIN	15/1	15/2	OH CO	18/4	18/4	TERADINE	15/7	15/7
HELIUM INC	42/2	41/6	OHIO MATT	16/0	16/0	TESORO PET	9/6	9/6
HEM CURTIS	34/2	34/2	OLIN CORP	50/1	49/6	TEX AMER B	1/5	1/5
HELM-PAYNE	23/0	22/7	ONWICARE	7/2	7/2	TEX EAS TR	27/0	26/7
HERCULES	48/0	48/0	ORION PICT	15/5	15/4	TEXACO	50/7	50/3
HESSTON	0	3/7	PAINE WEB	16/7	16/5	TEXAS IND	47/3	43/6
HEWL-PACK	58/7	58/3	PAN AM	2/6	2/7	TEXAS INST	49/4	47/7
HIXEL CP	33/6	33/7	PANHANDLE	24/2	24/0	TEXON	25/3	25/0
HILLENBERG	34/2	34/7	PARK ELECT	17/6	17/4	THOMPS MED	0	19/1
HLTH NTRLS	95/3	94/0	PARKER BRT	1/1	4/1	TIDEMATER	6/1	6/1
HITACHI	118/0	115/1	PARKWAY INC	35/6	35/2	TIGER INT	14/7	14/7
HMTCKE WEN	15/5	15/5	PATRCK PET	4/0	4/0	TIMKEN	82/0	81/5
HNDY WEN	15/1	17/3	PAYLESS CSH	25/6	25/6	TORCHMARK	32/7	32/6
HOLIDAY C	26/2	26/3	PULLMAN CO	5/3	5/4	TORCO	3/0	2/7
HOME DEPOT	28/6	28/3	PC INDUS-96	0	90/0	TOYS R US	37/6	37/6
HOME FED S	25/0	24/6	PENK CENTR	23/2	23/4	TRANSAMER	34/6	34/6
HONDA MOTO	138/0	137/6	PENNAULT	69/0	68/0	TRANSCO EN	27/1	27/2
HONEYMELL	75/0	74/6	PENNZOIL	75/0	74/5	TRANSCO EC	6/5	6/5
HOLMUTH MI	36/3	36/4	PEOPLES EN	19/0	19/0	TRAVELLERS	37/1	37/0
HOUSTON IN	32/0	31/6	PEPPER	37/7	37/3	TRINITY IN	36/0	35/6
HUGHES SUP	0	26/3	PFIZER	53/4	53/1	TW CORP	17/6	17/4
HUMANA INC	28/2	28/1	PHILIPS DOD	45/5	44/6	TRANSWORLD	39/0	34/6
IBM	119/0	117/0	PHILLIP MOR	84/0	85/0	UAL CORP	88/0	88/6
IC INDUST	33/2	33/0	PHILIPS PE	17/4	17/3	UTD BRAND	0	16/4
ICI PHARMA	6/6	6/6	PILLSBURY	37/2	37/3	UTD TECH	39/3	38/6
ILL PAID CO	18/6	19/0	PINNACLE W	23/4	23/4	UNILEVER	57/0	56/6
INCO LTD	32/7	32/4	PITN-BOMES	45/2	44/5	UNION CAMP	36/2	36/1
INTEGRAL-RA	44/0	43/2	PITTSOIN	14/6	14/5	UNION CARB	21/1	21/0
INTL MINER	44/7	44/3	POLAROID	35/4	35/1	UNION PAC	19/4	19/4
JEFF PILOT	30/6	30/5	PORLIND GE	24/0	23/6	USK CP	31/6	31/4
JER R-S	0	35/5	PRIME CORP	17/2	17/2	US WEST	56/6	56/1
JOHNSON CO	35/6	35/4	PRIME TRNS	38/3	38/3	U	34/4	34/2
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BUSINESS

Bonds and dollar post sharp gains

Wall Street stock prices surge to highest levels

NEW YORK, June 14, (Reuters): Financial markets reacted enthusiastically today to a lower-than-expected US trade deficit for April, with stocks, bonds and the dollar all posting sharp gains. Gold prices declined.

Wall Street stock prices surged to their highest levels since the October crash with the Dow Jones Industrial Index up 33.07 points at 2,131.47 after about 45 minutes of trading.

Brisk
Advancing stocks outnumbered losers by a 9-1 margin and trading was brisk, with New York Stock Exchange volume at 89 million shares.

The Dow's highest close since Oct. 19, 1987, came on April 12, when it hit 2,110.08.

The blue chip stocks surrendered some of their gain to profit-taking, but remained 30 points higher after an hour-and-a-half of trading.

The dollar jumped to near its highest values since late October after the Commerce Department said the seasonally adjusted deficit fell to \$9.89 billion in April, the lowest in more than three years, from a revised 11.7 billion in March.

US bond prices also rose after the report. US Treasury bonds rallied in New York to 101-16/32 from 101-4/32 last night to yield 8.95 per cent against yesterday's 9.01 per cent.

Within minutes the dollar rose 1.5 pence from 1.7285 marks to touch a high of 1.7425 before easing as the West German central bank intervened to sell dollars in line with the policy of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations to keep currencies broadly stable.

Dollar
The dollar, which closed in New York yesterday at 1.7225, hit a high of about 1.7427 marks but fell back to about 1.7350. Money dealers said the mood was upbeat for the dollar, though the markets were watching for

central bank intervention.

"The big players in the market don't want to get nailed the central banks so they will be cautious taking the dollar up," said a dealer at a US bank. "But the tone is very bullish for the buck and there's no doubt it will keep going higher."

The dollar touched 126 yen, rising from 123.35 just before the trade figure announcement.

Markets had been looking for a shortfall of \$12 billion to 13 billion on the trade deficit. "It's a good number and it's a good number for all the right reasons," said one New York analyst. "The drop in imports was very broad-based, occurring in all of the major product groups."

Economy
US Trade Representative Clayton Yentzer said the trade data was further evidence that the US economy had undergone a significant turnaround in its trade flows.

"There is a major change in our economic fundamentals. Export opportunities have never been better, particularly for manufactured products," Yentzer said.

Other analysts were also positive.

"The fact that imports are adjusting suggests that a falling dollar and rising import prices are doing their job," said Robert Brusca of Nikko Securities Company International Inc.

Strategy
The dramatic narrowing in the trade gap was likely to give leaders of the seven main industrial democracies a boost at their economic summit in Toronto over the weekend.

The heads of state would be able to point to the encouraging figures as evidence that their strategy of boosting growth in Japan and Europe to absorb more US exports was working and laying the basis for continued world economic growth and



Dealers at the Frankfurt Stock Exchange nervously awaiting closing prices ahead of the release of US trade data for April. (Reuters wirephoto)

more stable financial markets. In that vein, World Bank President Barber Conable said the improvement in the trade figures bodes well for a continued recovery of the US economy.

In remarks to the US Chamber of Commerce, Conable said: "It has got to point toward a revival of the US economy."

In London, the dollar rose sharply today to around its highest values since late October after the United States announced a much smaller April trade deficit than markets had expected. Within minutes, the dollar put

more than one West Germany pennig, rising from 1.7285 Deutsche marks to touch a quoted high in European trading of 1.7425.

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Shortfall

Markets had been looking for a shortfall of \$12 to 13 billion. The trade figures also boosted European share values. London's FTSE index of 100 British blue-chip stocks rose more than 15 points above 1,855 in mid-

afternoon trading in London. Gold closed in London at a bid price of \$448.00 a troy ounce, compared with late yesterday's 449.00. At mid-morning today the city's five major bullion dealers fixed a recommended price of \$450.80.

Its afternoon fixing was down to \$446.50. In Zurich, the bid price was \$448.00 down from 448.50 late yesterday.

Silver was quoted in London this afternoon at a bid price of \$6.90 a troy ounce, down from yesterday's 7.02.

Seminar on Gulf exports development

DAMMAM, June 14, (GNA): The preparatory committee designated to organise the seminar entitled "Arab Gulf Exports Development" held its meeting here yesterday at the headquarters of Arab Gulf Chambers Union.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the Union, GCC General Secretariat, and Bahrain's Chamber of Commerce and Industry and debated the arrangements planned for holding of the seminar scheduled to be held in Bahrain next November.

Meanwhile, an official source at Bahrain's Chamber of Commerce and Industry said a seminar comprising a number of senior officials, businessmen and representatives from finance and banking institutions would discuss several topics, including the governmental policies and effects on fostering exports, consulting services and the industrial co-ordination policies among the member states and the impact of the GCC economic pact on foreign exports and exchange of trade — including problems of export financing.

Candidates short on specifics to cut US budget deficit

WASHINGTON, June 14, (AP): George Bush and Michael Dukakis both talk of eliminating the US budget deficit in four to five years, but outside economists suggest their intentions may be better than their arithmetic.

Analysts not aligned with either camp suggest that plans forwarded so far by both the Republican and the Democratic nominees-to-be fall far short of pointing the way to a balanced budget.

"It's the 1988 edition of voodoo economics," said economist Michael Evans, using the term coined by Bush in 1980 to criticise Ronald Reagan's "supply-side" contention that budget savings could flow from tax cuts.

Dubious
The plans of both candidates contain as major elements features that private economists find dubious. Dukakis' claim that he can make a major dent in the deficit by simply beefing up tax-collection enforcement, for example, or Bush's contention that his election would cheer financial markets and drive down interest rates by two percentage points, thus saving billions in interest payments on the \$2.5 trillion national debt. Both candidates say they'll put

a high priority on trimming the budget shortfall, which was \$150 billion last year and a record \$221 billion the year before. Bush claims he can eliminate it in one term. Dukakis generally speaks of closing the gap over five years.

Bush, who has long since shed his reservations about Reagan's economic policies, is also calling for a "flexible freeze" to keep overall government spending from growing faster than the rate of inflation, with an exemption for social security benefits. With that freeze, some programmes would rise and others would be cut.

Beyond
But Bush won't say what he would cut, and he hasn't been clear on what he would increase, either, beyond suggesting that education programmes, AIDS research and drug enforcement would get more attention under a Bush presidency.

Bush also has proposed a long-range health plan and a college-bond savings programme, which together could cost the government upwards of \$500 million a year.

Bush has repeated Reagan's long rebuffed calls for a constitutional balanced-budget amendment and authority to

veto individual items in spending bills. The Vice-President, like Reagan before him, insists he would not raise taxes. "Absolutely not, period," he says.

Dukakis says he won't rule out new taxes as a possibility but has been vague on just how he'd trim the deficit. He says he'd like to do it without new taxes.

Hopes
The Massachusetts governor says he hopes to reduce government red ink in annual installments of about \$30 billion. He talks about "hard choices" on spending. But, like Bush, he won't say exactly which programmes he'd chop.

Dukakis has suggested in general terms that he would cut defence spending to help pay for elderly care.

Dukakis also hopes to trim the deficit by stricter enforcement of tax laws and with a programme of amnesty for tax cheats, which he suggests could save a total of \$90 billion during a five-year period, an amount private analysts suggest is wildly optimistic.

Both candidates' hopes for wiping out the deficit are based

on rosy assumptions of continued economic growth. While both say they will not cut automatic social security benefit increases, both are counting on an expected surplus in the social security trust fund in the years ahead to help offset red ink in other areas, at least on paper.

Social security is the US government pension system for retired and disabled workers and their dependents. Both candidates have been obscure when it comes to additional details, particularly on spending reductions.

"Both of them are doing the right thing right now and that is keeping their mouths shut," said Pat Choate, an economist with the TRW Corp., who says that neither candidate yet has made serious proposals to deal with the deficit.

Tough
"To bring our fiscal and monetary policies into balance internally and with each other and with the rest of the world, we're going to have to do some tough things in 1989 and 1990."

Choate was referring to taxes, saying there's little likelihood that the budget can be brought close to balance without new levies.

Insurance companies reject intervention

LOCAL insurance companies have completed their memorandums to be submitted to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry regarding the draft law for controlling and supervising insurance companies.

Insurance sources informed a local daily the draft law in its present form has several restrictions which prevent the management of the companies from performing their duties efficiently.

Memos
For an example, insurance companies were compelled to insure cars. Their memos they said, rejected intervention by the law in the internal structure of the insurance companies such as the establishment of several departments instead of the present joint department.

This obliges local companies to bear more financial costs which are the first of its kind in all Arab and international insurance laws. The insurance companies also rejected the stipulation to obtain prior permission from the ministry of Commerce when they desired to open new internal or external branches instead of the present procedure which only requires notifying the ministry about the intention to open branches.

Rejected
The companies also rejected the condition obliging them to appoint a Kuwaiti national as director-general which stipulation they claimed deprives the companies from selecting

efficient personnel. Further, there is no justification for imposing this condition as all members of the board of insurance companies are Kuwaiti nationals.

The companies also rejected the demand to deposit an amount of KD50,000 in the account of the Ministry of Commerce for each branch of the company. They claimed, would oblige each company to deposit at least KD250,000 — without being invested.

However, this condition could be applicable only to foreign insurance companies and has no justification to be imposed on Kuwaiti companies.

The companies rejected the law which compels them to obtain previous approval on all insurance policies, conditions and prices from the Ministry of Commerce.

Norway's oil output drops

OSLO, June 14, (Reuters): Because of summer maintenance work on some North Sea platforms, Norwegian oil production showed a slight drop in May after four months of record output, oil firms said today.

Norway, Western Europe's biggest oil producer after Britain, pumped 1.13 million barrels of oil per day (bpd), according to a Reuters survey of oil firms operating here. This compared with April's record of 1.2 million bpd.

Thailand gem rush gathers pace

BO RAI, Thailand, June 14, (Reuters): When Hoy Suksan was a child he crawled in the dirt on his father's rice farm looking for rough gemstones rather than playing with toys.

Today, Hoy's family paddy fields have been churned up for strip-mining to supply the gem market in Thailand, which has become the world's biggest source of rubies and a major supplier of sapphires and other coloured stones.

The rush for the prized rubies, the blue and yellow sapphires and other gems in the south-eastern town of Bo Rai has intensified in the last two years as dwindling supplies and a growing market have doubled prices.

Poured
Peasants and traders have poured into the small town in lush farming country near the Kampuchean border hoping to strike a rich ruby deposit that will make them millionaires overnight.

"They're treasure hunters. This is a treasure-hunting business," said Richard Hughes, an American gemologist who takes study groups to the area.

Traders say miners rarely profit from the 28.6 billion baht (\$1.1 billion) gem industry, which this year is expected to become Thailand's third-biggest foreign exchange earner.

"They don't know the value of the gems and it's the sharp-eyed dealers who make big profits," one trader said.

Hoy, now 29, said he put his savings into mining gemstones six months ago but still barely covers his daily expenses. "Fruit-growing is our bread and butter

but we're part-time miners out here," he said.

A trader in the nearby town of Chanthaburi held out a fistful of uncut 15-carat sapphires and said: "This is where the real money is."

Well-funded miners using modern equipment are fast replacing peasants laboriously sifting buckets of earth through rattan sieves.

Kampun Thipsongkram, a 17-year-old peasant from the province of Buriram, came to Bo Rai five years ago with her family to pan for gems.

"I usually make 10 or 20 baht (40 or 80 cents) a day. Sometimes when I'm lucky I make a few hundred baht — but that all goes into paying off debts," she said.

"We sometimes talk about going home, but I don't know. We're still here hoping to find a really pretty stone."

Other miners have risked their lives to sneak into the heavily-laminated, malaria-infested areas just over the border in Kampuchea, controlled by guerrillas fighting Vietnamese-backed government troops.

Crippled

"Sometimes they come back rich and sometimes crippled or dead," said Net Chaiyarat, a small-time trader who moved to Bo Rai from northern Thailand 10 years ago.

Miners take their gems to daily markets in Bo Rai and other mining centres in Trat and Chanthaburi, 300 km (180 miles) south-east of Bangkok, the world's main sources of rubies and sapphires.

At Bo Rai market more than a

thousand small traders from all over the country sit each morning at rented tables bargaining for packets of gravel-sized rough gems brought in by miners.

The rare big stones, which can retail for millions of baht, are quickly grabbed by the big city dealers. The smaller gems are sold in bulk in measures of one rupee (60 grams), worth between 2,000-4,000 baht (\$80-160).

Estimate
Traders estimate daily sales at anything between 50 and 100 million baht (2 to four million) in Bo Rai alone.

Conmen hawking synthetic gems, which are hard to distinguish without sophisticated equipment, often fool the unwary tourist as well as traders.

"These people travel from market to market. There's so many new faces all the time, it's hard to single them out," said Jumnien Pleumjit, a market vendor from north-eastern Thailand who followed the gem-rush.

Some traders buy directly from the mines, often giving loans to the panners to keep them going during bad patches.

Several gem experts have criticised widespread strip-mining which has ravaged the area and left much of it unfit for farming. They say lack of production control also depletes the earth of gems.

"There are fewer and fewer gems left in the ground now. The miners are reaping old earth. Within a few years there will be no gems left and hundreds of thousands of miners, cutters and small-time traders will be without a job," said one expert.

US trade deficit fell to \$9.89 billion in April

WASHINGTON, June 14, (UPI): The US merchandise trade deficit for April plunged to a seasonally adjusted \$9.89 billion from the revised March gap of \$11.7 billion led by a sharp drop in imports, the Commerce Department said today.

President Reagan remarked during an Oval Office picture-taking session today with visiting Italian Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita that the narrowing of the trade gap in April shows the deficit "has been on a continued decline brought about a decrease in imports and an increase in exports."

"Obviously I'm very delighted we have good news," said Robert Ortner, Commerce Undersecretary for economic affairs. "The figures are very encouraging."

Exports
The \$9.89 billion trade gap is the lowest since December 1984 when the seasonally adjusted deficit was \$8 billion, and is the first time the seasonally adjusted deficit has dropped to single digits since August 1985 when it was \$9.9 billion, the Department said.

Exports of US goods dropped 2.5 per cent from March to seasonally adjusted \$26.2 billion,

the Department's Census Bureau reported. Imports also dropped in April, down 6.4 per cent, to \$36.1 billion.

If trade continues at April's rate for the rest of the year, the annual deficit would be \$141.8 billion, a significant improvement from 1978's \$170.3 billion.

The improvement in April trade figures was much greater than expected. Analysts had predicted the gap would widen to about \$12.5 billion.

Imports
Not allowing for seasonal variations, the deficit rose slightly to \$9.8 billion, up 2.6 per cent from the revised March deficit of \$9.5 billion, the Department said. The Department previously reported the March trade deficit at \$9.7 billion.

The changes from March to April reflected drops in imports of capital goods, automotive vehicles parts and engines, consumer products, industrial supplies and materials, food and other merchandise.

The United States also exported fewer automotive vehicles, parts and engines in April and exports of industrial supplies and

materials also dipped. Imports of energy products rose 3.5 per cent in April to \$3.35 billion, or 7.1 million barrels per day from 6.7 million barrels per day in March.

The April trade figures reflected deficits with Japan of \$4.4 billion on a non-adjusted basis, down slightly from March's \$4.5 billion. Deficits with other major trading partners were essentially unchanged.

Lowest

The Department's seasonally adjusted three-month running average of the trade deficit, designed to smooth out ragged monthly variations, dropped to \$12 billion from \$12.5 billion in March, the lowest since the Department began keeping figures in March 1986.

The figures caught many analysts off guard.

"Things should worsen a bit, but there's nothing to show a dramatic worsening," said Robert Dederick, chief economist for the Northern Trust Co. in Chicago, predicting a trade gap of \$12.5 billion.

The Department has returned to seasonally adjusted figures after more than two years to smooth out monthly variations in the volatile trade figures.

French stock market officials resign

PARIS, June 14, (Reuters): Two leading French stock market officials resigned today after a disclosure that the exchange's regulatory body lost 500 million francs (\$86 million) in unsupervised trading after last October's crash.

Xavier Dupont, architect of recent reforms of the Paris bourse, stepped down as chairman of the French Stockbrokers' Association (SBF) at a crisis board meeting called to examine how the SBF lost a third of its bail-out funds.

Forced
The scandal also forced the resignation of Philippe Cosserrat, the government's representative on the SBF board.

"Faced with this catastrophe... it is the credibility of the whole market which is under threat," said SBF vice-president Regis Rousseau, appointed to replace Dupont as its head.

"We have to put our house in order and find out what happened."

The scandal is the worst on the bourse since sweeping reforms of

the past two years. These created a financial futures market (MATIF) and ended a stock-brokers' monopoly on trading in shares granted by Napoleon at the start of the 19th century.

Rousseau said the SBF would ask members for a one billion franc (\$172 million) capital increase, of which half would be to cover the losses.

A Paris broker, Jean-Pierre Pinatton, said the failure had not been so much the fact that the loss had occurred as that brokers were not kept informed of the situation.

Losses
"I lost money in this affair, and the first I knew about it was when I read my newspaper on Saturday," he said.

Dupont told the daily Le Figaro in an interview today that the losses occurred in November and December 1987 and had been discovered at the start of this year, but were kept secret while their full scope was investigated.

They had been incurred when an SBF portfolio manager had

signed contracts which he did not have on the falling Financial Futures Market, in the hope of buying back into the market at a cheaper level.

When prices rebounded he was left facing massive losses.

Dupont conceded that the affair demonstrated the danger of reforms of the markets out-pacing controls.

Barely

"It is the consequence of a rapid modernisation that was not matched by parallel controls. It is a lapse of management, but should not damage the image of the bourse," Dupont said.

Shares barely reacted to the resignations, since many dealers had expected them after Friday's revelation of the losses, and the bourse indicator actually edged up around 0.3 per cent, helped by better-than-expected US trade figures.

Confirmation of the resignations came in an SBF communiqué announcing the appointment of Rousseau, 40, to Dupont's post.

to \$56.75. FRANKFURT: Most shares closed slightly lower as dealers adjusted positions ahead of the release of US trade data for April. The Commerzbank 60-share index, calculated at mid-session, fell to 1,421.1 from 1,425.9.

ZURICH: Shares were little changed to slightly higher. Some banks rose. The all-share Swiss index gained 1.73 to 854.53.

PARIS: Favourable US April trade figures sparked a rapid flurry of buying and reversed the earlier trend. The 50-share bourse indicator showed a 0.55 per cent gain.

LONDON: Prices were boosted strongly by US April trade figures giving a trade deficit much lower than the market had anticipated. At 1423 GMT, the FTSE 100 index was up 19.5 at 1,858.3.

NEW YORK: Stock prices, especially blue chips, surged forward on figures showing a slower-than-expected US trade deficit in April. The market later settled down at the higher level. The Dow gained 30 to 2,130.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, June 14, (Reuters): Prices closed for the fifth consecutive session as investors once more loaded off stocks across the board. The All Ordinaries index was down 17.8 at 1,568.8.

TOKYO: Prices closed slightly higher in quiet trade as investors refrained from taking big positions before the release of the US April trade figures. The Nikkei index rose 25.26 to 28,061.80.

HONG KONG: Shares were higher but late profit-taking pared earlier gains slightly. The Hang Seng index gained 25.28 to 2,672.70.

SINGAPORE: Shares recovered after early losses and closed marginally higher on speculative buying and bargain hunting. The Straits Times index rose 2.56 to 1,045.30.

BOMBAY: Prices fell sharply on heavy selling triggered by fears that stiff carry-forward charges will be set on Friday. Tata Steel dropped 18.25 rupees

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 14/6/88			
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel No.
2	Kailash	GH&Q	4747815
6	Zarka	"	"
8	Tug Amsterdam	G. Star	4845501
9	Barge Jubail	"	"
13	Aust. Star	Alghamim	4842988
14	Suhl	Steamco	2439973
15	Mikhail Stenko	Alrabshed	2422026
16	Frio Chile	Albadar	2433537
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14/5	Raybinsk	Alrabshed	2422026
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3	Uco-XVII	Sager	2432692
8	Sunset	G. Star	4845501
9	Abu Basma	RSMS	2432642
12	Ionian Empress	Gh. Barber	4842988
13	Vevey	RSMS	2432642
18	Tokyo Bridge	United	2427958
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16/6	Vito	RSMS	2432642
18/6	Addiriyah	USAC	4843150
18/6	Lelaps	RSMS	2432642
19/6	Willone Orient	Gh Barber	4842988
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20/6	Mikhail Stenko	RSMS	2432642
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HELICOPTER ground crew Sharon M. Wilson (right) from San Diego, California and Loretta A. Knob from Delta, Colorado — the only two women working on a US warship in the Gulf — standing in front of a US Navy helicopter aboard the supply ship Spica near the Strait of Hormuz yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



INDIA'S best-known corruption fighter, former cabinet minister V.P. Singh campaigns for parliament on a motorcycle. Singh is opposing Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's hand-picked candidate in the June 16 election. (Reuter wirephoto)



SAUDI Crown Prince Abdullah (right) walks next to the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Greville Spratt as Lady Spratt and Prince Charles follow behind at the Mansion House where they attended a dinner given by the Corporation of London. (Reuter wirephoto)



A GREEK-CYPRIO woman breaks down crying in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, after placing flowers in remembrance of the 1,619 people who were declared missing during the invasion of the northern third of Cyprus in 1974 by Turkish troops. (Reuter wirephoto)



FRENCH Prime Minister Michel Rocard arriving at the Elysee Palace to meet French President Francois Mitterrand, yesterday. Rocard resigned following Sunday's general elections but was asked to stay in a caretaker capacity. (Reuter wirephoto)



AN UNIDENTIFIED lady casts a wary look at actor Chuin Clavijo, as he handles his imaginary dog on a stiff leash, at the central business district of Singapore. Chuin, a Colombian, is in Singapore performing for the month-long Festival of Arts. (Reuter wirephoto)



POPE JOHN PAUL'S envoy for Eastern Europe, Archbishop Francesco Colasuonno (left) consecrated Czechoslovakia's first new residential bishop in 15 years, Jan Sokol (right), in Trnava Cathedral on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRESIDENT REAGAN addresses the Atlantic Council on Monday at the State Department. Reagan said that with the United States leading the way the entire world "is turning away from state control of economies and returning to the market place" (Reuter wirephoto)



ZEHDI LABIB TERZI of the Palestine Liberation Organisation addresses a UN General Assembly session on disarmament at the United Nations. (Reuter wirephoto)



AFGHAN leader Najib (left) talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze during his visit to Moscow on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)



EGYPTIAN President Hosni Mubarak (right) greeting senior Soviet diplomat Vladimir Polyakov in Cairo on Monday. Polyakov briefed Mubarak of the results of the Moscow superpower summit. (Reuter wirephoto)

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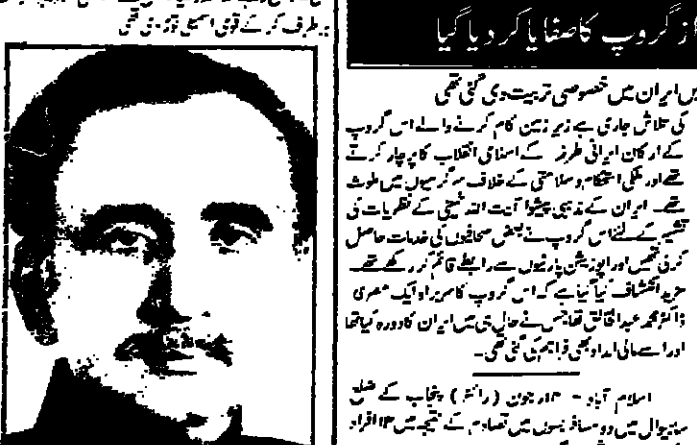
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Top players pleased with US Open course

BROOKLINE, Mass., June 14, (Reuters): Three of the favourites for this week's US Open, Sandy Lyle, Seve Ballesteros and Tom Watson, were pleased with their first look at the championship course at the Country Club here yesterday.

"It's a nice pleasant course. It could be in France or maybe parts of Britain," said Lyle, who was born in England of Scottish parents.

Traditionally, US Open courses terrify players, who complain bitterly about extremely narrow fairways, ankle-deep rough and rock-hard greens.

Champion
"Sometimes the US Open rough is not playable," Lyle, the reigning US Masters champion, said after playing the 7,010-yard par-71 course.

"This course plays very fair," said Ballesteros, who arrived here after winning a four-way playoff at the Westchester Classic on Sunday.

"The rough is not as bad as it usually is for the US Open and the fairways seem to be wider," added the Spaniard, who finished third in last year's Open in San Francisco.

Watson, second to Scott Simpson in last year's Open, praised the hilly, tree-lined course. "The fairways are beautiful and the greens are in great shape," he said.

"If the golf course stays in this condition, it will give up some scores," added Watson, who won the 1982 US Open and five British Opens. "I think under-280 will win."

Lyle, the leading money winner on the US Tour with more than \$600,000, agreed with Watson. "I think four or five under par will be a good score at the end of the week."

Entire
The last time the US Open was staged here, in 1963, three players finished tied at nine over par 293, which remains the highest winning score for an Open since 1935.

Julius Boros defeated Arnold Palmer and Jack Cupit in the 18-hole playoff by shooting a 6-3 in the final round.

However, during the Open 25 years ago there were strong winds, which caused some scores to soar into the 90s.

"If we have wind, it will be a different story," predicted Watson, who grew up playing golf on the windy prairie of Kansas, which helps explain his five British Open titles.

"Wind would make a real difference," added Ballesteros. "The greens are so small here that with wind they will be very hard to hit."

Weather already was affecting the course. The area, just outside Boston, is in a heat wave which, according to Watson, has had a beneficial effect.

Thick
"The heat will help golfers by drying out the rough and preventing it from growing too thick," Watson said. "It will also force the greenskeepers to water the greens, which should help keep them a little soft."

However, the players — invariably optimistic before a tournament begins — also know there is plenty of trouble lurking around the Country Club.

"It's still a golf course that can grab you," Lyle admitted.

PHILLIES END EXPOS' FOUR-GAME WINNING STREAK

Yankees take Red Sox to task

NEW YORK, June 14, (AP): The New Yankees beat Roger Clemens on the ground and in the air.

Clemens, a two-time Cy Young Award winner, gave up 15 hits and nine runs, both career highs, as the Yankees defeated the Boston Red Sox 12-6 last night. Nine of the 15 hits were groundball singles. Clemens also gave up Jack Clark's three-run homer.

"We got bloops, choppers and the blast," said Dave Winfield, who doubled, singled twice and had three RBI. "Maybe he was missing one mile-an-hour on his fastball. Those things happen, but he's still the best pitcher in the league."

Clemens started the game with a League-leading 1.82 earned run average and left with a 2.37 mark. He struck out five, raising his Major League-leading total to 140. It was the right-hander's third consecutive home loss.

Rafael Santana led an 18-hit attack with three singles and his second homer, a three-run shot in the ninth. Jose Cruz and Claudell Washington had three hits each.

Ortola 6, Tigers 4
Mickey Tettleton hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning after a solo shot in the seventh as

Baltimore snapped Detroit's five-game winning streak. Tom Niedenfuer, 1-1, the fourth Baltimore pitcher, pitched the final 1 2-3 innings.

Indians 8, Blue Jays 6

Cory Snyder's two-run homer and Mel Hall's two-run double highlighted a four-run fourth inning as Cleveland defeated Toronto and snapped its four-game losing streak. Bud Black, 3-1, pitched 5 2-3 innings, allowing five runs on five hits.

White Sox 4, Twins 1

Melido Perez combined with two relievers on a seven-hitter and Ivan Calderon went 3-for-3 with a home run to lead Chicago past Minnesota. Gary Redus also homered as the White Sox won for the sixth time in nine games.

Brewers 3, Mariners 1

Bill Wegman combined with Dan Plesac on an eight-hitter for his first career victory against Seattle and Robin Yount drove in three runs to lead Milwaukee. Plesac gave up Mickey Brantley's RBI double in the top of the ninth but earned his 14th save in 16 opportunities.

Royals 5, Angels 3

George Brett went 3-for-4 to drive in two runs, and Floyd Banister snapped a personal three-



Phillies' Chris James (on the ground) is safe on a steal.

game losing streak as Kansas City won at California for the Royals' 10th victory in their last 11 games. With former Major League infielder Ray Boone's 151 homers, the Boones became the only father-and-son combination aside from Gus and Buddy Bell to have 100 homers each.

Phillies 5, Expos 2

Chris James, Luis Aguayo and Mike Young each hit solo home runs as Philadelphia beat Montreal at Veterans Stadium and snapped the Expos' four-game winning streak. Shane Rawley, 5-6, pitched a seven-hitter and struck out seven en route to his

third complete game.

Astros 6, Braves 5

Denny Walling's eighth-inning single scored Kevin Bass from second base to break a 5-5 tie as Houston beat Atlanta at the Astrodome. Juan Agosto, 3-0, got the victory with one inning of relief. Nolan Ryan started for the Astros and struck out eight in seven innings to regain the NL lead from teammate Mike Scott.

Mets 2, Cardinals 1

Switch-hitter Lee Mazzilli broke an 0-for-13 slump as a right-handed batter when he singled home the winning run in the 12th inning to lift New York over visiting St. Louis and snap the Mets' five-game losing streak. Starters Larry McWilliams of the Cardinals and David Cone of the Mets were brilliant, yet neither got a decision.

Results

American League	National League
Baltimore 6 Detroit 4	Pittsburgh 8 Chicago 0
Cleveland 8 Toronto 6	Philadelphia 5 Montreal 2
New York 12 Boston 1	New York 2 St. Louis 3
Chicago 4 Minnesota 1	San Diego 7 San Francisco 3
Milwaukee 3 Seattle 1	Houston 6 Atlanta 5
Kansas City 5 California 3	

McEnroe seeded 8th for Wimbledon championships

Lendl likely to meet Cash in semifinals

LONDON, June 14, (Reuters): World number one Ivan Lendl, seeking the one prize that constantly eludes him, faces the prospect of a semifinal showdown with reigning champion Pat Cash at the Wimbledon tennis championships starting on Monday.

The two were placed in the top half of the draw today which means, if all goes to plan, Lendl, the top seed, will have the chance to repay the Australian who frustrated his hopes of winning the men's singles title last year. Cash beat the Czechoslovak 7-6 6-2 7-5 in the final.

But first Cash, seeded fourth this year, must get past two-time champion Boris Becker whom he is seeded to meet in the quarterfinals.

The West German sixth seed signaled that he is on top form on his favourite surface by beating Sweden's Stefan Edberg 6-1 3-6 6-3 in the final of the London grasscourt championship on Sunday.

Lendl's projected quarterfinal opponent is seventh-seeded Frenchman Henri Leconte who beat him in the fourth round in 1985.

Second seed Mats Wilander of Sweden also faces the prospect of an interesting quarterfinal against three-time Wimbledon champion John McEnroe who has been seeded eighth despite

missing the tournament for the last three years.

Officials decided to ignore the American's current world ranking of 19th because of his past Wimbledon record. In an exhibition game in Dublin yesterday McEnroe beat Wilander 6-4 3-6 6-3.

Wilander, the French and Australian Open champion, should meet Edberg, the number three seed, in his semifinal.

But Edberg's route to the last four is set to take him first to a quarterfinal against wily American Jimmy Connors, who won the first of his two singles titles here 14 years ago and is still a man to be reckoned with despite his 33 years.

Feature

Among the top seeds, Cash and Leconte should have the most comfortable start to the tournament. Both are drawn to meet qualifiers in the first round.

On paper at least, Edberg looks set for the toughest first match. He meets Frenchman Guy Forget who reached the last 16 a year ago before being beaten by Cash.

But neither of the top two seeds should expect to be stretched in the opening round. Lendl meets Briton David Felgate and Wilander plays Argentina's Eduardo Masso.

The women's draw separated the old guard from the new in the

early rounds. Teenage rivals Steffi Graf of West Germany, the world number one, and Argentine Gabriela Sabatini, who has beaten her twice this year, both feature in the top half of the draw.

The American veterans of the circuit, reigning champion Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert, seeded second and fourth respectively, appear in the bottom half.

Fifth seed Sabatini, if she is to get another shot at Graf, will find third seed Pam Shriver of the United States in her path at the quarterfinal stage.

Top seed Graf's route to the last eight looks easier, with Bulgaria's Manuela Maleeva, the seventh seed, projected to meet her in the quarterfinals and the prospect of a trouble-free opening match against American Hu Na.

In the early rounds, Navratilova and Evert could both face teenagers who gave them nightmares at the French Open championships last month.

Navratilova, chasing her seventh successive Wimbledon crown and record ninth in total, may be more dismayed by the prospect of meeting Soviet teenager Natalia Zvereva in the quarterfinals than the idea of facing her eternal rival Evert in the last four.

Zvereva, still only 17, found instant fame in Paris when she beat Navratilova 6-3 7-6 to reach the last eight.

But the Russian's inexperience showed through when she was wiped out 6-0 6-0 by Graf in the final.

Zvereva, seeded eighth here, faces a qualifier in the first round while Navratilova, the number two, meets Yugoslavia's Sabrina Golea.

Fourth seed Evert went out in the same round at Roland Garros and by the same score to 16-year-old Spaniard Arantza Sanchez.

Sanchez, like Zvereva, faces a qualifier in her opening match at Wimbledon and could challenge Evert again in the third round.

If Evert, who opens against Frenchwoman, Alexia Dechman, gets safely past the Spaniard this time, she should meet Czechoslovak Helena Sukova, the number six seed, in the quarterfinals.

London bookmakers reacted to the draw by shortening the odds on McEnroe, in the easier bottom half of the draw, from 7-1 to 5-1 to win the title. Becker and Lendl were made joint 3-1 favourites with Cash and Edberg quoted at 11-2.

Graf was confirmed as women's favourite, at 8-11 to win, with Navratilova second at 7-4.

Pakistan brush aside Kenya B

NAIROBI, June 14, (Reuters): Olympic champions Pakistan thrashed Kenya's 'B' team 7-0 yesterday to take the lead in a pre-Olympic hockey tournament at Nairobi's City Stadium.

The young Soviet Union side, in their first game of the five-nation competition, beat Canada 1-0.

Although Pakistan dominated their game against Kenya from the opening minutes, Pakistani coach Mudassar Asghar said his team should have played better still.

"Pakistan underrated Kenya right from the word go ... we could have scored more goals," he said. "They over-dribbled, spoiling the whole rhythm of play."

Pakistan opened the scoring in the fourth minute with a converted short corner by outside right Qasim Khan, but Kenya's robust defence managed to hold the Pakistanis at bay until inside left Musaddaq Hussain scored again in the 30th minute after a neat pass from Qasim.

Zahid Sharif chipped an accurate pass to centre forward Mohammed Irfan, who sounded the boards with a third goal.

Irfan scored a fourth in the 42nd minute.

Inside right Shahbaz Ahmed and midfielder Tahir Zaman scored two field goals in the second half and team captain Nasir converted a short corner to produce the final result of 7-0.

In their third match of the tournament, Pakistan today beat the Soviet Union 4-1 (halftime 2-1).

Athletics meet

EAST BERLIN, June 14, (Reuters): East Germany's sports federation said today it stood by its commitment to compete for the first time in an East-West German athletics meeting even though an ex-East German was in the opposing team.

Asked to comment on the West German selection of former East German Wolfgang Schmidt for the landmark Dusseldorf meeting on June 19-20, a spokesman for the DTSB Federation said: "We keep to our competition commitments."

As far as we knew there were no plans to stay away, he said.

Crowe out for rest of season with back trouble

LONDON, June 14, (Reuters): Martin Crowe, New Zealand's accomplished Test batsman who plays for Somerset, has been forced by back problems to give up cricket for the rest of the English season.

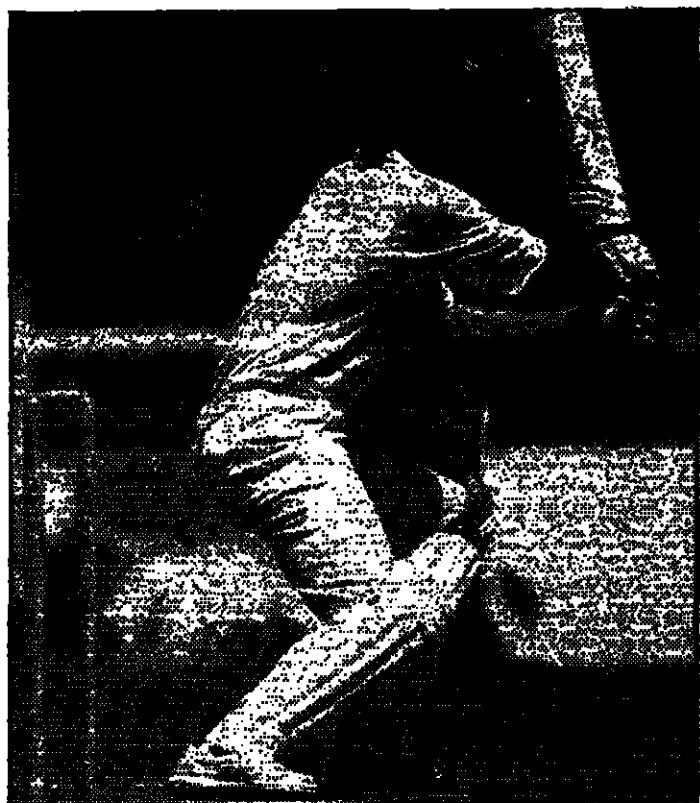
Somerset announced the news yesterday, and said Crowe's replacement as their full-time overseas player would be Australian Test all-rounder Steve Waugh.

Waugh has been on the county's staff since last year, playing when Crowe was injured or unavailable. He has shown he will be a worthy successor to the New Zealander, and after hitting an unbeaten 103 in the current game against Warwickshire at Bath, the Australian was awarded his county cap.

Advised
Somerset said in a statement: "Following extensive tests and x-rays from the club's orthopaedic surgeon, we have been advised that due to a serious back problem in the lower lumbar region, it is in Martin's best interests that he rests for the next four months."

The club deeply regrets the loss of Martin's services this season. However, Martin's fitness is of paramount importance and we look forward to having him back for the 1989 season.

Somerset's ready-made replacement underlined his quality with his second hundred



Waugh: replaces Crowe

of the season. Waugh has now scored four unbeaten centuries in his last eight championship innings, spread over the past 12 months.

Waugh and Jon Hardy (81) spurred Somerset to 284 for three

before they declared 31 behind. Warwickshire were 36 for one in the second innings at the close.

West Indian all-rounder Franklin Stephenson continues to give inspiration to Nottinghamshire following the retirement

from the county last September of their outstanding overseas pair, Richard Hadlee and Clive Rice.

Their departure created a gap that one replacement alone could not fill, but Stephenson has provided a good measure of compensation with some consistently fine displays, and put title holders Notts on course for only their second championship win of the season in the current game at Trent Bridge.

Paceman Stephenson took five for 42 as Glamorgan were routed for 91, giving Notts a first innings lead of 87. Then he struck the top score of 65 as Notts totalled 230, leaving Glamorgan a victory target of 318 on a pitch helping the seamers.

By the close Glamorgan were nine for two, with Stephenson once again spearheading the assault by grabbing one of the wickets.

Australian captain Allan Border hammered his third century of the season for Essex, 161 against Sussex at Ilford which lifted his adopted county to 462 for eight declared — a first innings lead of 307. Border's flawless innings took 220 deliveries and contained 20 fours.

Sussex slumped to 77 for five at the close, still needing a further 230 to avoid an innings defeat.

Scores
At Derby: Derbyshire 329 in

82.1 overs and 128 for three (S. Goldsmith 43 not out), Gloucestershire 308 for five declared in 97 overs (A. Wright 136, P. Bainbridge 75).

At Tunbridge Wells: Middlesex 92 in 38.2 overs and 272 (M. Gatting 76, P. Dowd 74, R. Pienaar five for 27), Kent 110 in 37 overs and 46 for no wicket.

At Bath: Warwickshire 315 for nine declared in 111 overs (G. Rose six for 47) and 36 for one, Somerset 284 for three declared in 104 overs (S. Waugh 103 not out, J. Hardy 81, N. Pringle 51 not out).

At Ilford: Sussex 155 in 59.1 overs and 77 for five, Essex 462 for eight declared in 138.5 overs (A. Border 161, G. Gooch 113, P. Prichard 80, D. Topley 56 not out).

At the Oval: Surrey 179 in 74.3 overs and 60 for two, Leicestershire 235 for seven declared in 97.4 overs (R. Cobb 65, N. Briers 49, J. Whitaker 40).

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 178 in 84.2 overs and 230 (F. Stephenson 65.3, Derrick four for 67, S. Barwick four for 93), Glamorgan 91 in 47 overs (F. Stephenson five for 42, K. Cooper three for 15) and nine for two.

At Worcester: Worcestershire 397 for seven declared in 121.3 overs (T. Curtis 131), Hampshire 203 in 67 overs (S. Jeffries 53, R. Smith 45, P. Newport five for 61) and 66 for one.



Young South Koreans training to be future taekwondo champions. (Reuters wirephoto)

Taekwondo to be seen at 1988 Seoul Olympics

SEOUL, June 14, (Reuters): An ancient Korean martial art forced underground for 35 years bursts onto the Olympic stage at this year's Seoul Games when the power and speed of taekwondo will be seen as a demonstration sport.

Spectators will be able to watch men and women kicking and punching with bewildering speed and flexibility and with power which could smash a thick board — or a rib-cage, if protective clothing was not mandatory.

Officials at the hilltop headquarters of the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) in a Seoul suburb say the sport now has 22 million participants in 110 nations.

They believe taekwondo — 'the way of feet and fists' — is challenging karate, kung fu and judo to become the most popular Oriental martial art.

Official
Cho Hui-Sok, director of international relations for the federation, said: "Taekwondo is an official sport at the Asian Games and the Pan-American Games. We hope the International Olympic Committee will accept it as an official sport for the 1992 Olympics."

The earliest evidence of taekwondo is provided in 2,000-year-old murals from the Koguryo Dynasty, which show fighting techniques similar to those of the present day.

Taekwondo could be practised only in secret when Japan occupied Korea from 1910 to 1945 and banned traditional Korean martial arts as part of its colonial policies.

After the occupation ended, the sport boomed in its home nation. The name taekwondo was used for the first time in the 1950s.

The 1950-53 Korean war gave taekwondo its first international exposure when soldiers from the mainly-American 16-nation United Nations Command became interested in the sport and took the rudiments of it back home with them.

The WTF was founded in 1973 and has held regular world championships ever since.

The sport's phenomenal growth owes much to the dedicated work of South Korean instructors who have travelled all over the world and to the skilled diplomacy of multi-lingual WTF president Kim Un-Yong, who is also the South Korean member of the International Olympic Committee.

Officials believe that one of the main reasons for taekwondo's popularity is that, unlike most forms of karate, punches and kicks are not 'pulled' at the last instant.

"I think one of the reasons taekwondo has grown so fast in the last 20 years is because it is aggressive, dynamic and a full-combat sport."

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Mtoto wins

ROYAL ASCOT, England, June 14. (AP): Mtoto rallied from last place and overtook Broken Hearted in the final 100 yards to score a photo-finish victory in the Prince of Wales Stakes at Royal Ascot's opening day Tuesday.

Supercup final

BUENOS AIRES, June 14. (Reuters): Racing Club of Argentina, seeking their first trophy since they were World Club champions in 1967, beat Brazil's Cruzeiro 2-1 yesterday in the first leg of the South American Supercup final, the continent's new soccer tournament.

Charity match

HARARE, June 14. (Reuters): A charity soccer match scheduled for Zimbabwe next month and featuring legendary Brazilian Pele has been banned by the International Football Federation (FIFA).

Wrong shirt

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, June 14. (Reuters): Denmark were fined 1,000 Swiss francs (\$700) yesterday because their defender John Siveback wore the wrong shirt in his team's European Championship match with Spain two days earlier.

Cruyff cleared

BARCELONA, Spain, June 14. (Reuters): A Spanish court dropped a nine-year-old suit for tax evasion against Dutch soccer star Johan Cruyff yesterday, saying he had believed the Barcelona football club paid him tax-free wages.

Title fight

LYON, France, June 14. (Reuters): Christophe Tiozzo of France retained his European middleweight title yesterday when he stopped West German Andreas Prox in the ninth round of the scheduled 12-round fight.

Evacuation plans

CANBERRA, Australia, June 14. (AP): The Australian government today said it was concerned about violence at the upcoming Olympic Games in South Korea and had made plans to evacuate Australian athletes and spectators.

American visit

CAPE TOWN, June 14. (Reuters): South African Rugby Union chief Danie Craven refused today to confirm or deny reports of a planned American visit here, saying publicity had destroyed arrangements for a five-nation European tour this month.

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3. Mr & Mrs Mousalli

KLINSMANN AND THON FIND THEIR MARK

West Germany shatter Denmark's dreams

GELSENKIRCHEN, West Germany, June 14. (Reuters): West Germany shattered Denmark's dreams of glory at the European Soccer Championship finals when the hosts won a Group One tie 2-0 today.

A 10th minute goal by newcomer Juergen Klinsmann and a second from little midfielder Olaf Thon four minutes from time was enough for West Germany to remain on course for the semifinals.

The adventurous Danish team again paid the price for complacency in defence — as they did in their 3-2 defeat to Spain on Saturday.

Lacked

The result left them with no chance of reaching the last four, a fact that will be regretted by neutral fans everywhere even if 'Danish Dynamite' lacked the explosive force shown in the last championship in France four years ago or in the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

The win gave West Germany three points from two matches and took it a step closer to the semifinal round.

The defeat signalled the end of a talented Danish generation. Denmark still has to play Italy, but even a win would not be enough to qualify the Danes for



Klinsmann (left) heads the ball while elbowing Denmark's Ivan Nielsen in the head. (Reuters wirephoto)

the semifinal stage.

Spain was playing Italy in the other Group One match later in Frankfurt.

Spain beat Denmark 3-2 in the opening round, while Italy and West Germany drew 1-1.

In the 9th minute, Soeren Lerby misheaded a clearing and landed the ball in front of Rudi Voeller. The West German striker was blocked by Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, but Klinsmann pounced on the rebound for an easy goal from close range.



Denmark's Morten Olsen (left) flies over West Germany's Pierre Littbarski. (Reuters wirephoto)

West Germany's clincher came after a corner by Pierre Littbarski. Thon, the shortest man on the field, rose above the Danish defence and sent in a powerful header that left no chance for Schmeichel.

Danish defender Ivan Nielsen,

a towering figure compared to Thon, was caught totally off guard when he should have easily beat the West German midfielder to the ball.

Standings
European Soccer Championship finals, Group One standings

(tabulate under — played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

	W. Germany	2	1	0	3	1	3
Spain	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
Italy	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Denmark	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

English and Dutch clash for survival

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, June 14. (Reuters): England and the Netherlands clash for survival in the European Soccer Championship finals tomorrow in a match overshadowed by the menace of hooligan violence.

Defeat for either side would mean virtual elimination from the tournament following Sunday's upsets in which England were beaten 1-0 by outsiders Ireland in Stuttgart and the highly-fancied Dutch by the same margin by the Soviet Union in Cologne.

Massed

But the outcome of the group two encounter in the Rhein stadium, in which England goalkeeper Peter Shilton will make his 100th international appearance, is of minimal concern to security forces massed in Duesseeldorf to contain fan trouble.

Nearly 200 hooligans, most of

them English, have been detained since the championship kicked off last Friday and police fear further confrontations when thousands of fans converge for the potentially most explosive clash of the two-week tournament.

The English and Dutch teams have meanwhile sought to swallow the disappointment of Sunday's defeats in which both succumbed despite applying most of the pressure and creating abundant chances.

"It's made the Holland game all the more important. We've got to win. That would put Holland out of the tournament," England captain Bryan Robson said.

"The Ireland game was very disappointing. The last thing you want in a League situation is to get beaten in the first game."

Robson said the Dutch had looked the better side against the

Soviet Union, "but the ball wouldn't go in the net" — England's problem too.

"They (Holland) have got so many good individual players and they put it in a team pattern, so obviously they are going to be very difficult for us," Robson said.

Rinus Michels, back in charge of the Dutch after leading them to the 1974 World Cup final, still pins his faith in attack.

Golden

"We shall keep playing attacking football. It needs only a balance between created and converted chances. That has unfortunately not yet been the case with us," he said.

England hope marksman Gary Lineker, off target against Ireland, will recapture his golden scoring touch and his fellow strikers contribute more to the bombardment.

Sukova knocked out of tourney

EASTBOURNE, England, June 14. (UPI): Defending champion Helena Sukova was ousted from the second round of a \$250,000 women's grass court tennis tournament today by unseeded Frenchwoman Pascale Paradis.

Martina Navratilova, the top seed at the Eastbourne event she has won six times since 1978,

advanced to the third round with an easy victory over American-born Briton Monique Javier, but second seed Pam Shriver needed three sets to defeat American compatriot Robin White.

Sukova, seeded fourth, lost 6-1, 6-3. The tall Czechoslovak played with one knee heavily taped, as she did at the French

Open two weeks ago. However, Sukova said the cartilage injury she suffered before the French event did not bother her during the match.

The world No. 2, ousted from the clay court French Open two weeks ago by Soviet teenager Natalia Zvereva, said she was gaining confidence on grass.

Llewellyn to start first in Jordan Rally

By Gail Seery in Amman

WELSHMAN David Llewellyn will be first on the starters' ramp for today's Rothmans Jordan Rally. He will be at the wheel of an Audi Quattro A2, and is partnered by his usual navigator Phil Short.

Llewellyn is an experienced and able driver, and is unlikely to experience major difficulties with the route. However, there is already some speculation that team orders might be enforced in order to give Saeed Al Hajri a much needed boost in the championship.

Navigator

Second to leave the Roman Amphitheatre in the centre of Amman will be reigning Middle East champion, Mohammed Bin Sulayem, and navigator Ronan Morgan, in the new-look Toyota Celica Twincam Turbo. Sulayem won the event last year, by a seven minute margin, after Al Hajri lost vital practice time following the death of his father. Al Hajri will follow him out, in the blue and white Rothmans Audi Quattro A2. The Qatari star has so far suffered nothing but setbacks in his bid to regain the Middle East title. Most recently, practice problems have arisen again. However, the Qatari is taking things with characteristic stoicism, despite having had to spend several days idle.

Hajri was busy yesterday practising in a borrowed 4x4, in order to check his pace notes, but these really do need to be checked at speed, and it has to be conceded that his lack of true practice may be a disadvantage to him in the event. In the past he always went for an early lead on Sulayem,

knowing that the Celica's extra speed would give it the advantage on the second and third days of the event. This year however he is in the Audi Quattro, which is a far more powerful car than the old Porsche 911 SCRS. On the other hand the 4wd will not prove an advantage here. The Rothmans team are aiming to let Sulayem make the running on the first leg of the rally.

Al Hajri said that he thought Llewellyn could not be discounted as a winner of the event. "He's a good driver, and I'm sure he's coming here to win the rally. He's going to do his best, and we are also going to do our best to win the rally. Rothmans is here to take places one and two."

Chance

"This is not a new rally for me. I've been here five or six times, and won three times, but I think this year is the best. The stages are shorter and will give everyone a chance to finish the event. It's really very good that they have changed a lot of the stages this year, all the rough stages have been cut out and this is better for everybody, not just for cars one and two."

However, this is the first time that Al Hajri has done the Jordan Rally with the Audi Quattro, and he is not yet prepared to say how good the Quattro will be for this rally. The situation with his practice car has made it harder for him to judge, and has also hindered him, and perhaps placed him at a slight disadvantage. "It is a problem, because I just practised for one day. I had to practice in other cars, and I haven't checked the pace notes at speed."

Al Hajri's only major rival, Mohammed Bin Sulayem also identifies Llewellyn as a man who is bound to do well. "He's a good driver, but I am after first place



Saeed Al Hajri

myself — otherwise I wouldn't be here. I'm not underestimating anybody. I expect tough competition from the start, from both David and Saeed. Saeed is a former champion, but I think there is more pressure on him than me. I can afford to accept second place if necessary for the good of the championship."

Helps

Sulayem said that although changes have been made to the stages, and also to some of the surfaces, he did not feel that the character of the Jordan Rally had changed very much. "The new surface helps other cars, not my car, but it's better. There will be more tarmac this year, and Sulayem will be able to put his European tarmac experience to good use. 'It's no problem now, and as a professional driver I have to accept everything.'"

Traditionally in the Jordan Rally, Al Hajri used to take lead on the first night and Sulayem

used to claw it back on the first day. Sulayem does not feel that the situation is likely to alter particularly this year. "The traction on my car was not as good as his Porsche, that's why he used to take it on the first night, and then on the second day, when traction was no longer so vital I used to take it back. I can tell you now that at the end of the first leg Saeed and Llewellyn will be leading and maybe I'll be third or fourth. I rely on the second day," said Sulayem.

"The nature of the rally hasn't changed that much for me. But because of the Quattros I will have a very hard task here. The cars are proven to be much quicker than the Toyota, more powerful and with better traction. I know it's a handicap for me not having the four wheel drive, but perhaps I can overcome this."

Stages

Prince Abdullah of Jordan told the Arab Times that he felt the changes made to the stages would be of benefit to the ordinary drivers. "There's more tarmac and they've done a lot of work on softening up the desert stages so that Group N and Group A cars can survive a lot better. From our point of view, the softening of the stages will help us against Hani Bisharat in the Toyota Celica. It is definitely better for the ordinary drivers."

The Prince said that he was feeling happier about the tarmac stages. In the past Amir Bilbeisi used to take over for these segments of the rally, but he has retired from rallying for the time being and is replaced in the Opel Manta 400 by his elder brother Ali. "Ali is a fantastic navigator," said Prince Abdullah. "He is very calm and precise on his notes."

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